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List of Clergy in the Diocese of Illinois.

Rt. Rev. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese and President of Jubilee College.

Clergy Entitled to Seats.

BENEDICT, T. N. Rector of Grace Church, Galena.
 BENSON, John Rect. Christ Church, Limestone Prairie, P. O. Peoria.
 BENTLEY, James Missionary at Grand Detour.
 BOWMAN, John A. Deacon Rect. of St. Matthews Church, Bloomington.
 CHASE, Dudley Rect. Church of the Atonement, Chicago.
 CHASE, Philander Missionary in Stark County.
 CHASE, Samuel, D. D. Vice President of Jubilee College.
 CHILD, Stephen R. Missionary at Warsaw.
 CLARKE, Charles P. Rect. Christ Church, Ottawa and Missionary.
 CLARKSON, Rob't H. Rect. St. James' Church Chicago.
 CLOTWORTHY, William Rect. and Miss'y St. John's C'h, Albion.
 CRACRAFT, John W. Rect. St. Paul's C'h, Peoria.
 DARROW, Joseph L., M. D. Rect. Christ Church, Collinsville.
 DRESSER, Charles Rect. St. Paul's C'h, Springfield.
 GIDDINGE, George P. Rect. St. John's C'h, Quincy.
 KELLOGG, Ezra B. Rect. Christ C'h, Metamora.
 McMASTERS, S. Y. Rect. St. Paul's C'h, Alton.
 MILLER, Orrin—disabled but preaching in the neighborhood.
 MITCHELL, William Rect. and Miss'y, St. Mark's C'h, Chester.
 MORRISON, Theodore N. Rect. Trinity C'h, Jacksonville.
 NICLAS, John Itinerant Missionary among the Germans, Peoria County.
 PIERSON, Joseph W. Rect. Christ Church, Waukegan.
 PORTER, George L. Missionary at Morris, Grundy Co.
 PULFORD, S. D. Rect. St. John's C'h, Lockport, and Christ C'h, Joliet.
 REIGHLEY, Charles Miss'y and Rect. Immanuel C'h, Rockford.
 SMALLWOOD, William A., D. D. Rect. Trinity C'h, Chicago.
 SWOPE, C. E. Rect. Grace Church, Chicago.
 UNONIUS, Gustaf Miss'y and Rect. St. Ansgarius' C'h, Chicago.
 WARNER, Abraham J. Rect. Zion C'h, Freeport.
 WORTHINGTON, John T. Miss'y and Rect. St. Stephen's C'h, Pittsfield.

Clergy not Entitled to Seats.

DEWOLF, Erastus officiating at Mullica Hill, New Jersey.
 HUTCHINS, Benjamin Philadelphia.
 KELLY, Charles V. Chicago,—practising medicine.
 MAYO, Joseph residing at Kickapoo.
 McKEOWN jr. residing at Elgin.

Officiating within the Diocese, not belonging to it.

GARDINER, C. H. Ass't to C'h of Atonement, Chicago.

GRISWOLD, Asa Missionary at Kickapoo, &c., and Theological Assistant in Jubilee College.

SAYRES, George Assistant Professor Jubilee College and Missionary.

No. Clergy entitled to seats—30. Not entitled to seats—5. Officiating within, but not belonging to the Diocese—3. Whole number of Clergy—38.

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PEORIA, *Monday, Sept. 5, 1853.*

The Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, assembled for organization and business this 5th day of September, A. D., 1853, in St. Paul's Church, Peoria, being the time and place appointed.

On Sunday, the 15th after Trinity, (the day previous,) the religious services connected with the opening of the Convention were celebrated according to usage under a resolution of the Convention of 1836, recommending the same.

In the morning Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg read prayers, assisted in the lessons by Rev. George P. Giddinge.

The Right Reverend the Bishop preached, and ordained to the order of Priesthood the Rev. John Benson.

Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., presented the candidate; Rev. Messrs. S. Chase, Giddinge, Kellogg and McMasters united in laying on hands.

The Bishop administered the communion, assisted by Rev. Messrs. S. Chase and Kellogg.

In the afternoon Rev. S. Y. McMasters read prayers, assisted in the lessons by Rev. Charles Reighley.

Rev. George P. Giddinge preached; the Bishop administered the Rite of Confirmation and addressed the candidates.

In the evening, Rev. J. W. Cracraft read prayers, assisted in the lessons by Rev. J. T. Worthington. Rev. W. A. Smallwood preached.

The Right Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese presiding; morning prayer was read by Rev. Robert H. Clarkson, assisted in the lessons by Rev. J. W. Cracraft.

The Secretary proceeded to call the names of the clergy entitled to their seats, from the certified list furnished by the Bishop, when the following responded to their names and took their seats, viz :

T. N. Benedict,	E. B. Kellogg,
John Benson,	S. Y. McMasters,
John A. Bowman,	Orrin Miller,
Philander Chase,	T. N. Morrison,
Samuel Chase,	John Niglas,
S. R. Child,	Geo. S. Porter,
Robert H. Clarkson,	Joseph W. Pierson,
W. Clotworthy,	S. D. Pulford,
J. W. Cracraft,	Charles Reighley,
Jos. L. Darrow,	W. A. Smallwood,
George P. Giddinge,	A. J. Warner,
John T. Worthington.	

There appearing a canonical number of the Clergy in attendance, Rev. Messrs. Robert H. Clarkson and J. W. Cracraft were appointed a committee on testimonials of lay-delegates, who reported favorably on the certificates of the following,

Christ Church, Waukegan—C. C. Parks, Lyman Sprague, Ransom Steele.
St. Thomas', Morris—B. M. Atherton, S. H. Keeler, Robert Ryall.
Church of Atonement, Chicago—Reuben Taylor.
Calvary Church, Farmington—Samuel Wilkinson, James S. Stewart.
St. Stephen's, Pittsfield—W. A. Grimshaw, B. Atkinson.
St. Luke's, Kickapoo—R. F. Seabury.
Zion, Providence—Wm. Bacon, Lemuel Perkins.
St. Ansgarius', Chicago—Alfred Olsen.
Trinity, Chicago—Dr. D. Miller.
St. James', Chicago—J. Rogers, J. S. Reed, J. P. Clarkson.
St. Paul's, Peoria—M. McReynolds, H. S. Austin, J. P. Hotchiss, A. G. Tyng.

St. Paul's, Pekin—Wm. Stansberry, John A. Jones.

Christ Ch., Robinsnest—H. I. Chase, J. Radley, Lewis Coolidge.

Grace Ch., Chicago—D. J. Brinckerhoff, Wm. Sherwood.

Christ Ch., Limestone Prairie—James Clark, J. Pennington.

The lay-delegates being called the following answered to their names and took their seats:

C. C. Parks,	Christ Church,	Waukegan.
B. M. Atherton, { Robert Ryall,	St. Thomas'	Morris.
Reuben Taylor,	Atonement,	Chicago.
Samuel Wilkinson,	Calvary,	Farmington.
R. F. Seabury,	St. Luke's,	Kickapoo.
William Bacon,	Zion,	Providence.
Alfred Olsen,	St. Ansgarius',	Chicago.
Dr. D. Miller,	Trinity,	"
J. Rogers, J. S. Reed, J. P. Clarkson,	St. James',	"
M. McReynolds, H. S. Austin, J. P. Hotchkiss,	St. Paul's,	Peoria.
A. G. Tyng,		
W. Stansberry, John A. Jones,	St. Paul's,	Pekin.
H. I. Chase, Lewis Coolidge,	Christ,	Robinsnest.
Dr. J. Brinckerhoff, W. Sherwood,	Grace,	Chicago.
James Clark, J. Pennington,	Christ,	Limestone P'e.

There being a canonical number of lay-delegates present, thus constituting a quorum in both orders, the house was declared to be fully organized.

On motion, balloting for Secretary was unanimously dispensed with; whereupon on nomination, Rev. S. Chase, D. D., the former Secretary, was elected.

On motion, a committee was appointed on the organization of new parishes, and their admission into union with the convention, consisting of

Rev. S. Y. McMasters,
 " S. D. Pulford,
 Mr. John Pennington.

On motion, papers relating to the organization of St. Mark's, La Salle, and St. Mathew's, Bloomington, were referred to the committee.

On motion, it was ordered, that a matter relating to Emanuel Church, Rockford, involving the admission of that parish into union with the Convention be referred to the same committee.

The committee upon the admission of new parishes reported favorably upon the papers relating to the organization of

St. Mark's, La Salle, St. Matthew's, Bloomington, which parishes were, on motion, severally received into union with the Convention.

The committee further reported that in the case of Emanuel Church, Rockford, the necessary papers had been made out, but by a "clerical error failed to become matter of record," they therefore recommended that the error be corrected and the Church admitted into union with the Convention.

On motion, Emanuel Church, Rockford, was received into union with this Convention.

The Bishop then delivered his address.

On motion, it was ordered that so much of the Bishop's address as related to "memorials of the late Bishop Chase," be referred to a committee of three; whereupon

Rev. T. N. Morrison,
 " S. Chase, D. D.,
 Mr. W. C. Hobbs,

were appointed such committee.

On motion, it was ordered that so much of the Bishop's address as relates to "Missionary operations," "Church Build-

ing," &c., be referred to a committee of three; whereupon

Rev. John T. Worthington,

" J. W. Cracraft,

Mr. A. G. Tyng,

were appointed such committee.

On motion, it was ordered that so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the Episcopate Fund be referred to a committee of three; whereupon

Rev. S. Y. McMasters, L. L. D.,

" A. J. Warner,

Mr. Horace Starkey,

were appointed such committee.

On motion, it was ordered that so much of the Bishop's address as relates to a Bishop's Church, and residence, be referred to a committee of five; whereupon

Rev. W. A. Smallwood, D. D.,

" S. Chase, D. D.,

" E. B. Kellogg,

Mr. Wm. Bacon,

" H. S. Austin,

were appointed such committee.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 3 o'clock,
P. M.

Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Convention re-assembled.

The committee upon testimonials of lay-delegates further reported favorably upon the certificates of the following,

Emmanuel Church, Rockford—R. P. Lane, M. D., C. Ray,
Horace Starkey.

St. Matthew's C'h, Bloomington—W. C. Hobbs, George
Edwards, Gerard Irwin, Wm. Cromwell.

Christ Church, Metamora—S. S. Parke, A. S. Blakeslee,
C. Rich.

Grace Church, Galena—F. Stahl, J. Carter,
as entitled to seats in the Convention; whereupon the following lay-delegates appeared and took their seats:

Horace Starkey, } Emmanuel C'h, Rockford.
Dr. W. C. Hobbs, } St. Matthew's Bloomington.

Dr. W. Cromwell, } Christ, Metamora.
S. S. Parke,

The Standing Committee reported as follows :

Since the last Convention, the Committee have signed the testimonials in such cases required in behalf of Rev. Dr. Wainwright, since consecrated Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of New York, Rev. Dr. Hawks who had been elected to the Episcopate of Rhode Island, and Rev. John Benson, desiring to be admitted to the order of priests; also, in behalf of Joseph W. Pierson, a candidate transferred from the Diocese of N. Y., recommending him for deacon's orders, and at the same time in behalf of Charles M. Taylor and D. W. Dresser, recommending them to be received as candidates for orders.

CHARLES DRESSER, *Ch'n of Com.*

The Treasurer presented his account, and also the account of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, which were severally read, and on motion, referred to a committee consisting of

Rev. S. D. Pulford,
" R. H. Clarkson,
Doctor Miller.

Notice was given of a proposed amendment to canon VI, Sec. 1, by inserting at the end of the fourth line, the words, "and a majority of whom shall be communicants."

Notice was also given of the following proposed amendment of canon XV:

Resolved, That canon XV. be so amended as to read "twelve and a half cents," instead of "twenty-five cents," and that the following words be added: "Such parishes as fail to pay their quota shall be denied representation in Convention unless excused by the standing committee."

Which proposed amendments were on motion referred to a committee consisting of

Rev. T. N. Benedict,	R. F. Seabury.
" J. W. Cracraft,	C. C. Parks,

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday morning, 8 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by Rev. A. J. Warner, assisted in the lessons by Rev. John Benson.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The committee upon so much of the Bishop's address as related to the Episcopate Fund, reported.

The report was read and on motion referred back to the committee to draft suitable resolutions for carrying into effect the objects therein contained.

The committee upon so much of the Bishop's address as related to a Bishop's Church, and residence, reported, *viz.*:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the suggestions of a Bishop's Church and residence, respectfully submit the following report:

That there can be no doubt of the hearty approval by this Convention of the plan of the Bishop for a Bishop's Church and residence, as presented in the address, which plan is there set forth so distinctly, and sustained by reasons so cogent, and issues so beautiful, as to relieve the committee from the necessity of either the defence or expression of their own cordial approval and admiration. But it may seem to involve a material incident of difficulty whether the Diocese will consider it compatible with her interests, under present circumstances, that the Bishop should retain his residence in New York, for a length of time which may involve two or three or even five years. Your committee after due consideration, recommend that this Convention assent to, and cordially approve, the plans, suggestions, and desires of the Bishop as set forth in this part of his address, particularly for the following reasons:

1st. From personal considerations to the Bishop himself—the education of his children—the avoidance of an abrupt removal, and the many sacrifices consequent upon such removal.

2nd. Some obvious advantages accruing to the Diocese, from the diffusion of personal influence in obtaining aid and assistance, whether pecuniary or ministerial, where aid is to be had,—making known abroad, the wants of the Diocese at home.

3d. The conducting of the preparatory work of a Bishop's Church and residence,—obtaining donations, &c.

4th. The *real fact* that no provision is made by this Diocese for the Bishop's support, or for a salary, or expenses of his removal; and the present inability of the Diocese to make suitable provision for the same.

5th. That without the sanction of this Convention, under the existing state of things, the Bishop must abandon all the desirable objects set forth in his suggestions, and confine himself to the ordinary duties of the Episcopate, which duties can, in the opinion of your committee, be as well and faithfully executed and performed while the Bishop retains his residence in New York as if he take up his residence now within the Diocese; and in addition thereto, the Diocese will obtain and hereafter enjoy the benefits and advantages of the Bishop's influence in obtaining the necessary aid to the accomplishment of his benevolent and noble purposes and aims for our future growth and permanent prosperity; and which influence will be increasing both at home and abroad; and as by such delay the Bishop will, we are sanguine in believing, be able to take up his residence amongst us with a church in which to discharge the duties of his pastoral office in their purity, and for the permanent use of his successors.

In consideration of the premises, your committee respectfully submit the following resolutions and recommend their adoption.

Resolved, That this Convention cordially approve of the outlines of a religious establishment as set forth in the Bishop's address, embracing a Bishop's church and residence, and regard it as peculiarly adaptive to the permanent interests of the Diocese and the church at large.

Resolved, That in the effort to accomplish this object so essential to the best interests of the Church, so conducive to the efficiency of the Episcopal office, the comfort and dignity, not merely of the present incumbent, but his successors, our Bishop possesses the cordial sympathy and hearty confidence of this Diocese.

Resolved, That the longer delay of the Bishop in removing his habitation within the bounds of his jurisdiction, necessary to the continued effort for accomplishing his benevolent purposes, is approved and sanctioned by this Convention.

W. A. SMALLWOOD,
S. CHASE,
E. B. KELLOGG,
WM. BACON,
H. S. AUSTIN.

On motion, the report was made the order of the day on the re-assembling of the Convention this afternoon.

The committee on "Accounts of Treasurer of Convention," reported as follows:

The committee on "Accounts of Treasurer of Convention," report said accounts correct, and in regard to delinquent parishes approve of the amendment of canon XV. in relation thereto, already brought before the House, and recommend its adoption.

S. D. PULFORD,
R. H. CLARKSON,
D. MILLER.

The committee on proposed amendments of canons made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the amendment to Sec. 1, of canon VI, by inserting after the words, "who shall be baptized persons" in the 4th line, "and a majority of them shall be communicants," beg leave to report that they deem it inexpedient to amend the canon, and would therefore recommend to the Convention that the amendment be not adopted.

THOS. N. BENEDICT, Ch'n.

The following resolution was offered:

That Sec. 1, Canon VI. be amended by inserting at the end of the 4th line, the words, "and a majority of whom shall be communicants"—the same having been referred, and "reported upon," but not receiving the concurrence of two-thirds of the voters of both orders, was lost.

The committee on proposed amendments of canons, reported further:

The same committee to whom was referred the amendment to canon XV, by changing the words "25 cts." to "12 1-2 cts." and adding the words, "such parishes as fail to pay their quota shall be denied representation in Convention, unless excused by the standing committee," beg leave to report that they concur with the former part of the amendment, and also with the latter, with the exception of striking out the words, "standing committee" and inserting "Convention," and as thus amended they would move its adoption by the Convention.

THOS. N. BENEDICT, Ch'n.

On motion, the proposed amendment to canon XV. was further amended by striking out the words "standing committee," and inserting the word "Convention;" the canon as thus amended was adopted by the concurrence of two-thirds of the votes of both orders.

The committee upon the Episcopate Fund again reported, accompanying their report with certain resolutions:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the endowment of the Episcopate, beg leave to report as follows, *viz*:

It is well known that many of the most zealous and influential members of our church were opposed to the election of an assistant Bishop, on the ground that the Diocese possessed no adequate means for his support. This objection, however, gave way to the suggestion that he might be abundantly supported as Rector of a parish in some one of the principal cities of the state. Under this impression, those who had long hesitated, as to the propriety of going into an election, cast away their fears, and eagerly embraced the opportunity of obtaining a man so well suited to their views as our present Diocesan. Very soon after the election, however, it became manifest that no vacancy existed suitable for the occupancy of our assistant Bishop, while many became fully persuaded that the object sought could never be attained while he should be confined to the local duties of a parish; and this impression was, more than ever, confirmed by the decease of our late venerable Diocesan, which, at once, devolved the entire duties of the Diocese on his successor. In view of the accumulating duties of the Episcopate, our Bishop wisely, as we believe, abandoned all idea of connecting himself with a parish, and determined to devote himself, wholly, to the interests of the Diocese. With his labors, and their results, in the past year, we have abundant cause of satisfaction and devout thanksgiving to God; but we are painfully impressed with the fact, that no provision has yet been made for the temporal maintenance of him whose life is so wholly devoted to our service; nor can we feel that our engagements are fully sustained until ample provision be made for his support.

In view of this painful delinquency on the part of the Diocese, your committee cannot refrain from urging the vast importance of some effective measures being taken, at once, for raising an Episcopate Fund, the interest of which shall

place our beloved Bishop in a state of comfort, in our midst, that we may have the happiness of realizing that we are immediately under the watchful eye of a faithful and ever present pastor.

For the purpose of securing this very desirable state of things, your committee would respectfully suggest to the Convention the following plan of operation:

That the board of trustees of the Episcopate Fund, as soon as they may deem prudent, engage the services of a competent agent to canvass the entire Diocese, and also, to visit the Eastern cities, for the purpose of soliciting contributions to said fund, in such sums, and on such conditions, as may be found most consistent with the views of those to whom application shall be made. Your committee have reason to believe with their Bishop, that much might be accomplished, particularly among Eastern capitalists, by negotiating loans on the principle of Life Insurance. Suppose twenty men be found, willing to spare, each, one thousand dollars from his business, during his life, with a certain prospect of its being returned to his estate after his death, with a fair interest. Let each thousand be secured by a policy on the life of the donor, say for two thousand dollars, which, it is fair to infer, would be an average quite equal to six per cent. on the money. This money, it is believed, could be invested in the west, at ten per cent. which would make every thousand dollars to yield one hundred dollars per annum. Of this, not more than fifty, on an average, would be necessary to pay the premium on life policies, which would leave fifty dollars per annum, for each thousand, for the use of the fund. On the supposition of twenty such loans, the fund would have a net income of one thousand dollars, to be applied to its own purposes. Forty such loans would secure \$2000, which would go far to meet the liabilities of the Church to its Bishop. This mode of operation has been presented to the consideration of some of the ablest actuaries of the United States, and has met with their unqualified approval.

Still more promising, however, in the opinion of your committee, is the plan of seeking men, who shall be able, and disposed, to enter into written engagements to pay into the Episcopate Fund the sum of five, or ten dollars per annum —say for ten years. It is believed that two hundred persons may be found, within the diocese, who would engage to pay ten dollars a year, for ten years, which at the end of ten years, would give a fund of \$20,000. Encouragement has been given to believe that a like sum might be obtained in the Eastern cities, which would give at the end of ten years, a fund of \$40,000. This, if it is true, would yield but little at first. The first year would bring in \$4000, which, at ten per cent. would give for the support of the Episcopate but \$400. But the second year it would yield \$800 interest, the third \$1200, the fourth \$1600, and the 5th \$2000. Your committee may be too sanguine, but it cannot be persuaded that the churchmen of Illinois will fail to respond, liberally, to such a call, and the well-known liberality of our brethren in the older states and cities fully justifies the opinion that our call will not fail to be responded to from that quarter.

Sincerely hoping that the importance of this matter may be taken, immediately, into consideration, and receive the attention which its importance deserves, your committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions.

S. Y. McMASTERS,
A. J. WARNER,
HORACE STARKEY.

Resolved, That it is a matter of great importance, that measures be taken at once, to secure the permanent endowment of our Episcopate.

Resolved, That an agency be appointed, either by this Convention or by the trustees of the Episcopate Fund, as this Convention may judge best, for the purpose of soliciting contributions as recommended in the foregoing report.

On motion, the 1st resolution was adopted.

On motion, the 2d resolution was amended by striking out the words, "either by the Convention or" and "as this Convention may judge best," and after such amendment was adopted, viz: .

Resolved, That an agency be appointed by the trustees of the Episcopate Fund, for the purpose of soliciting contributions as recommended in the foregoing report.

The committee upon so much of the Bishop's address as relates to "Missionary operations," and "Church building," reported.

The report was read, and on motion, referred back to the committee with instructions to confer with the Bishop upon the subjects therein contained.

The committee upon so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the "Memorials of the late Bishop Chase," reported as follows :

The committee appointed to report upon that portion of the Bishop's address which relates to the decease of our late venerable Diocesan, the Rt. Rev. PHILANDER CHASE, D. D., beg to express their most cordial concurrence with the universal declaration throughout the United States, of sorrow for his removal from amongst us,—and also their admiration, alike of the eloquent manner and affectionate spirit of that part of the Bishop's address devoted to the memory of the illustrious dead.

It may be sufficient for this committee to say that throughout the Church there are few individuals, members of it, who have not either felt personally bound to him, by the ties of christian amity and veneration, or cheered and encouraged by his parental influence and effective zeal. "He walked with God, and was not, for God took him." Yet the church still lives, and in God's mercy shall never be consumed.

The glory, humanly speaking, of the first extension of her borders into the Dioceses of Ohio and Illinois, we gratefully ascribe to the untiring industry, pious zeal and indomitable energy of this deceased father of our Apostolic Church; and feel assured, that so long as the memory of her mighty dead shall be recorded, his will not be without that honor, that God inspires toward those who have watched for our souls and have borne over us that rule which God's word has appointed for our eternal benefit.

Your committee respectfully report the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That in the death of our late venerable Diocessan, the Rt. Rev. PHILANDER CHASE, D. D., we mourn the departure of one of the last links which have bound the present generation to the venerated fathers of our American Church;—that we bear willing testimony to the ardor of his missionary zeal, to his persevering labors in the great cause of Christian education, and to his indefatigable devotion to the Church of Christ.

Resolved, That this Convention record with the most profound emotions, this expression of its high appreciation of the christian character and services of the departed, and tender our hearty sympathies to his widow, and bereaved family.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention be requested to place in a suitable part of the Journal, the several testimonials of respect to the memory of Bishop Chase, that have been adopted in our Diocese or in other Dioceses.

THEODORE N. MORRISON,
SAMUEL CHASE,
W. C. HOBBS.

On motion, the several resolutions were unanimously adopted; and on suggestion of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, the Convention in token of respect voted upon the same in a standing posture.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed to find out how many trustees of the General Theological Seminary the Diocese of Illinois is entitled to, and to nominate the requisite number; whereupon,

Rev. R. H. Clarkson,
A. G. Tyng,

were appointed such committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next ensuing Convention of this Diocese be held in Trinity Church, Chicago.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of five, of whom two shall be laymen, and of which the Bishop shall be chairman, be appointed for the purpose of revising the constitution, canons, and rules of order,—to report at the next Convention; whereupon

Rev. S. Chase, H. S. Austin,
“ W. A. Smallwood, J. M. Wilson,

were appointed such committee.

It was *Resolved*, That the clergy of this Diocese be requested, in the course of the coming year, to ascertain, and commit to writing, the history of their several parishes, from their first organization, to the present time, and place the papers in the possession and at the disposal of the Convention of the Diocese.

On motion, Rev. Orrin Miller asked and obtained leave of absence from further attendance upon this Convention, on the ground of ill health.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 3 o'clock, p. m.

Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Convention re-assembled.

The report of the committee upon the Bishop's church and residence being the order of the day, was called up and discussed.

Pending the debate, it was on motion, *Resolved*, That the further discussion of the subject connected with the report of the committee upon the Bishop's church and residence be postponed to 7 1-2 o'clock, this evening.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention proceed to the election of Deputies to the General Convention.

The Chair then appointed as tellers for the clerical vote,

Rev. T. N. Benedict,

R. F. Seabury.

For the lay-vote,

Rev. John Benson,

Dr. D. Miller.

The tellers reported that the following persons had received a majority of all the votes cast by each order, *viz*:

Rev. S. Chase, D. D.,	Hon. S. H. Treat,
" E. B. Kellogg,	" J. Bailhache,
" S. Y. McMasters, L L. D.,	" J. M. Wilson,
" W. A. Smallwood, D. D.,	Mr. A. G. Tyng.

Whereupon the Chair announced that the above named persons were duly elected.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 7 1-2 o'clock,

7 1-2 o'clock.

The Convention re-assembled.

The report of the committee upon the Bishop's church and residence being the order of business was called up.

A motion to lay upon the table the whole subject matter was made, but lost.

On motion, the 1st resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the 2nd resolution was unanimously adopted.

During the debate upon the adoption of the 3d resolution, the following was offered as an amendment to the same, and after consultation accepted by the committee in lieu of that reported by them, *viz* :

Resolved, That the removal of our Bishop to some point within the Diocese, at as early a day as may be consistent with his convenience, and the accomplishment of his plans, is sincerely desired by this Convention.

Whereupon the original resolution of the committee was offered as a substitute, and on motion, adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the longer delay of the Bishop in removing his habitation within the bounds of his jurisdiction, necessary to the continued effort for accomplishing his benevolent purposes, is approved and sanctioned by this Convention.

On motion, the ballot in the election of Standing Committee, was by unanimous consent dispensed with; whereupon on nomination,

Rev. Dr. S. Chase,
" Charles Dresser,

Hon. S. H. Treat,
Mr. A. Campbell,
were unanimously elected.

On motion, it was ordered that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Peoria, for the courtesy and hospitality extended to its members during the present session; and that the rector of the parish be requested to give publicity to the same in such manner as he may see fit.

On motion, it was ordered that the ballot for the election of Treasurer be dispensed with; whereupon Rev. Dr. S. Chase, the former Treasurer, was elected.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary cause to be printed 500 copies of the Journal and 400 copies extra of the Bishop's address; and send two copies to each of the members of the Convention, and one copy for every ten communicants in each parish, and the usual copies to the Bishop, Secretaries of Conventions, and periodicals of the Church.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to "Missionary operations," and

“Church building,” again reported as follows, *viz.*:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop’s address as related to Missions and Churches, beg leave to report that they most heartily approve of his suggestions, and would move that a committee be appointed to draft such a canon on Missions and Churches, to present at the next meeting of this Convention; and till the passage of such a canon they would recommend to the cordial co-operation of this Convention, the present Diocesan Missionary operations.

J. T. WORTHINGTON,
J. W. CRACRAFT,
ALEX. G. TYNG.

On motion, it was ordered that in accordance with the recommendation contained in the report of the committee upon so much of the Bishop’s address as relates to “Missionary operations,” and “Church building,” &c., it be referred to the committee on revision of canons, to draft and report such canon or canons, as will carry into effect the suggestions and objects of the address.

On motion, it was ordered, that the minutes in the matter of revision and correction be referred to the Secretary and Bishop.

A closing address was delivered by the Bishop.

The “Gloria in Excelsis” was sung, and after some appropriate collects, the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE,

Bishop of Illinois.

SAMUEL CHASE,

Secretary of Convention.

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APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ALTON—ST. PAUL'S—REV. S. Y. McMASTERS, L. L. D.

Baptisms,	Infants 25,	Adults 0,	Total 25
Confirmed,			6
Communicants added by rem'l, 21.	Otherwise, 6.	Total 27.	Present No. 56
“ lost “	7.	By death, 1.	Total 8.
Ordinary attendance, about			60
Sunday School teachers	7,	Scholars	80
Catechetical instruction every Sunday.			
Public Services regularly morning and evening, since last Convention.			
Parochial contribution			\$210 00
Domestic Missions			10 00
Other objects			47 00
Due to the fund of the Convention			14 00
Travelling expenses of Bishop			14 00

There have been twenty-one funeral services, eight marriages, and monthly communion.

ALBION—ST. JOHN'S—REV. WM. CLOTWORTHY.

Baptisms	Children 3,	Adults 0,	Total 3
No. communicants about	25,	Lost by death	1
No. families, some of whom have an attachment to the Church,			24
Ordinary attendance about			65
Sunday School teachers	11,	Scholars	67
Contribution from children of Sunday School to Domestic, Foreign, and Diocesan Missionary Societies,—\$2 50 to each,			7 50
Travelling expenses of Bishop			9 60

A Scripture class meets every Sunday afternoon; the attendance upon it has been very fluctuating. Public services have been performed twice every Sunday, through the summer—morning and afternoon.

BLOOMINGTON—ST. MATTHEW'S—REV. JOHN A. BOWMAN.

Baptisms,	Infants 2,	Adults 2,	Total 4
Communicants			18
Burial			1
No. of Families			65
No. in attendance at Divine service			200
Sunday School teachers	5,	Scholars 31,	Total 36
Public services twice each Sunday since May 22d, 1853.			
Contributions for fitting up Church Edifice, about			\$200 00
“ “ rent of “ “ for one year			100 00
“ “ salary of Clergyman one year			400 00
Dues to the Fund of Convention			4 25

RT. REV. FATHER IN GOD:

Accompanying this brief report, I present the petition for the admission of my young parish into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church of this Diocese.

The service of our Church was almost unknown in Bloomington till my arrival on the 22d of May last. We have rented the old Methodist meeting house, and fitted it up for Church purposes, which is filled, or nearly so, twice each Lord's day, by an attentive and intelligent congregation, who appreciate the services of our Church, and the preaching of the Gospel.

The prospects for a flourishing parish are encouraging. Nearly all the pews of the Church have been rented. But the establishment of this parish is an experiment. The friends of the Church have given liberally, and yet it needs assistance from friends abroad, and from the Board of Missions to enable it to sustain itself.

Already, I trust, good has been done. Quite a number of intelligent, pious persons are desirous of confirmation; and those who are communicants walk worthy of their high calling as confessors of the name of Jesus.

With sentiments of the highest esteem, I am,

Rt. Rev. Father in God, your affectionate deacon,

JOHN A. BOWMAN.

Rt. REV. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D.

CHESTER—ST. MARK'S—REV. WM. MITCHELL.

	Infants	10,	Adults	2,	Total	12
Baptisms						3
Burials						4
Confirmations						
Communicants added by removal	3.		Otherwise	1.	Present number	22
" lost by death	3.		"	3.		
Seven persons are prepared for confirmation.						
Public services once or more every Sunday.						
Expended on the church \$515 00. On other objects \$55 25. Total \$570 25						

The Church is finished and in use. It is well plastered and neatly painted. The nave is fifty feet long, 32 feet wide and 19 feet high. At the East end is a recess 10 feet deep for chancel and robing room. The chancel is elevated above the main floor 24 inches, and is 17 feet wide by 14 deep. The railing and kneeling cushion runs across the centre, leaving 7 feet for inner chancel, and seven feet out, towards the nave. On the front chancel to the right is the pulpit, the lectern on the left. Baptismal font opposite the central aisle which is 4 feet wide, and two side aisles next to the walls 2 feet wide. Three steps from the nave floor to the top of chancel floor. Over the communion table is a beautiful triplet window of rich stained glass—presented to the Church by our kind friend, Thos. Cornell, Esq., of New York city. The centre is nine feet high by two wide. The side windows are seven feet by eighteen inches wide. In the top of the centre is the emblem of a descending dove. Below it a cross, fully displayed, below this a lamb bearing a flag with a cross, &c. In the lowest section is the epitaph of the lamented Wm. C. Cornell, who died here last year. In the right side window is the cup, below it the cross keys. In the left window is the plate and loaf, below it the Bishop's mitre. To the right side of the chancel, on the same floor, is the Vestry room, which opens on the chancel floor near the pulpit, and has an outside door, and circle head window. The chancel and steps carpeted, pulpit trimmed with crimson silk velvet—a present from Rev. Mr. Gassaway, of St. Louis. Over the front entrance is an organ gallery, containing a small, but sweet-toned organ. An excellent organist, and full choir are in attendance every service. The gallery and lower floor fully seated. Scroll-end pews, no doors. (*All free.*) The Church and lot are valued at about \$3000 00, and paid for, except about \$150 00 which one of the members has assumed, we paying him the legal interest until it is paid off. The Board of Domestic Missions has done a good work in sustaining this Mission. But our seats being free, though it is the means of a larger congregation, does not yield as much to the support of its minister, and therefore, we shall still be dependent on the Board for part of our salary. The members

are poor, but are earnest in the good cause of Christ, and as soon as possible will become self-supporting. The effort to finish and furnish the Church, has prevented their doing more for other objects. We hope our friends will not forget us, but contribute of their abundance the one hundred and fifty dollars to pay off, and thereby enable us the sooner to be self-supporting, and help other Church objects.

We have cause of thankfulness to God, that, while we have tried to preach Christ as the only way to salvation and heaven, we see some fruits. The past year part of our little flock have united with the Church in heaven. We ask the prayers of all God's people, that, our fruits may be more abundant in time to come.

CHICAGO—ST. JAMES—REV. R. H. CLARKSON.

Baptisms,	Infants 81,	Adults 10,	Total 91
Confirmations			30
Funerals			103
Marriages			39
Communicants			170
No. of families			184
Sunday School Teachers 17,	Scholars 186,		Total 203
Contributions for payment of Church debt,			\$3230 00
" " Bishop Chase Hall,			1100 00
" " Nashotah, Wis., Palmyra, Mo., Morris, Belvidere, Ill.,			878 45
and other places,			480 00
" " Parochial purposes,			225 00
" " a new communion service,			176 30
" " the Poor,			48 32
" " the Sunday School,			30 00
" " Domestic Missions,			

CHICAGO—ATONEMENT—C. H. GARDINER. (*Supply for Rev. D. Chase.*)

Baptisms	Infants 5,	Adults 0,	Total 5
No. of Families,	25.	Ordinary attendance	150
Sunday School Teachers	5,	Scholars	40
Catechetical instruction every Sunday by the Teachers, 2 by Missionary.			
Public Services twice every Sunday.			

The above report includes only the services held in the parish since the 17th of April last, at which time the present incumbent entered upon the duties thereof. There have been two marriages, and five funerals in the parish during the time above specified. The Holy Communion has also been twice administered. Not having access to the parish register, no fuller report can, at this time, be made.

CHICAGO—TRINITY—REV. W. A. SMALLWOOD.

Baptisms	Infants 3,	Adults 0,	Total 3
Communicants added by removal	21,	Otherwise 1,	Total 22
No. of Families	66,		Ordinary Attendance 250
Sunday School Teachers 10,		Scholars	50
Catechetical Instruction—none as yet, except in Sabbath School.			
Public services on the Sabbath, and the evening before the Monthly Communion Sunday.			
Contributions			\$125 00
Dues to the fund of the Convention,			18 00
Travelling Expenses of Bishop,			24 00

There have also been three marriages, and four funerals. The whole number of communicants, as far as I can ascertain, is 72. This report, however, only goes back to the first of May, when I took charge. As soon as the length of the evenings will admit, the number of weekly services will be increased by a weekly lecture. At the same period, Bible and Catechetical classes will be formed. The general prospects of the Church are good.

COLLINSVILLE—CHRIST—REV. J. L. DARROW.

Baptisms	Infants 6,	Adult 1,	Total 7
Communicants added by removal 4, " lost " 2,	lost by death 1,	Present No. 29	
No. families 22.	Sunday School Teachers 4,	Scholars 15	
No. Prayers 84.		Sermons 79	
Contributions for Domestic Missions " Foreign "		\$2 50	
Dues to Convention,		2 50	
		7 00	

I have not taken up a collection for the travelling expenses of the Bishop, or for Diocesan Missions, but will do so soon. I have received donations from sundry persons belonging to our parish,—fifty or sixty dollars. There has been no regular subscription.

Our mission has experienced but little change within the year. The little Church at Oakdale is finished and ready for consecration. There is a small number who are waiting to be confirmed.

FREEPORT—ZION—REV. A. J. WARNER.

Baptisms	Infants 1,	Adults 0,	Total 1
Communicants added by removal 1, " lost " 1,	Otherwise 1, By death 1,	Present number 18	
Number of Families 10,	Ordinary attendance from 30 to 100		
Twenty-eight regular services, four funerals, morning and evening prayers every Sunday.			
Communion alms			\$3 40

The present incumbent took charge of this parish on the first of May. No Sunday School was then in existence, and all who could have been employed as teachers, as well as the children belonging to the parish, were so connected with a union school, that it has not been found practicable as yet to organize one of our own. We shall commence one soon. The parish is new and laboring under great disadvantages, but better things are looked for.

GALENA—GRACE—REV. THOS. N. BENEDICT.

Baptisms—Infants 39—three of which were reported to the B'p of Wisconsin.	9
Confirmations	
Communicants added by removal 5, " lost by death 6,	Otherwise 6.
No. of Families 68,	Present number 62
Sunday School Teachers 10,	Ordinary attendance about 200
Catechetical instruction every Sunday in the Sunday School and occasionally in the Church.	56
Public services on Sundays 119 times. Week-days 65 times. Whole No. 184	
Contributions for Parochial purposes, exclusive of salary \$432 62	
" for Diocesan Missions 12 40	
" for Domestic Missions 18 50	
" for Alms \$50 92. Other charitable purposes, \$45 00 Total 95 92	
" to the Church at Belvidere 25 15	
Dues to the Fund of the Convention \$10 00. Travelling expenses of B'p 30 00	

The above report embraces the whole period since the last Convention. In addition to the official acts reported above, I have officiated at five marriages and twelve funerals.

It affords me pleasure to state that the general condition of the parish seems to be prosperous—a spirit of harmony and peace, so far as I can judge reigns throughout the parish, which I gratefully acknowledge as a token of the Divine blessing, and an earnest of future prosperity and strength.

JACKSONVILLE—TRINITY—REV. T. N. MORRISON.

Baptisms	Infants 3,	Adults 1,	Total 4
Confirmed			- 10

Communicants added by removal 5,	Otherwise 4,	Present No. 39
“ lost by “ 1,	By death 1,	
Number of Families 25,	Ordinary attendance	125
Sunday School Teachers 5,	Scholars	20
Public services thirty-two times—twice every Sunday.		
Dues to Fund of Convention \$7 00.	Travelling expenses of Bishop \$18 00	

During much of the past year this parish has been without the services of a clergyman; the present incumbent took charge last Whitsunday. Since then service has been regular.

LOCKPORT—ST. JOHNS.—JOLIET—CHRIST—REV. S. D. PULFORD.

St. John's Church, Lockport.

Baptisms	Infants 9	
Confirmed		3
Communicants added by removal 3,	Otherwise 5,	Present No. 33
Number of Families 25,	Ordinary attendance	80
Sunday School Teachers 5,	Scholars	25
Public services once each Sunday and occasionally on Fasts and Festivals, &c.		
Contributions for Parochial purposes, \$12 84.	Diocesan Missions \$3 00	
“ for Domestic Missions 4 25.	Foreign Missions 4 06	
Dues to Fund of Convention 2 50.	Travelling ex. of Bishop, 5 00	

Christ Church, Joliet.

Baptisms,	Infants 2,	Total 2
Communicants added by removal 3,		Present No. 14
“ lost “ 1,	Otherwise 1,	
Number of Families 18,	Ordinary attendance	60
Public services once each Sunday.		
Contributions for Parochial purposes, \$9 55.	Diocesan Missions \$2 03	
“ for Domestic Missions 5 75.	Foreign Missions 6 65	
Dues to Fund of Convention 2 50.	Travelling ex. of Bishop, 2 00	

Prospects are still encouraging in both these parishes, but in Joliet, a promising and growing city, there is sadly felt the want of a Church edifice—services now being held in a rented upper room. The resources of the parish, in itself, are feeble, but from the location, in its prospective influence, one of much importance.

LIMESTONE PRAIRIE, *Peoria Co.*—CHRIST—REV. JOHN BENSON.

Baptisms	Infants 13,	Adults 4,	Total 17
Confirmations			7
Communicants added by removal 4,	Otherwise 8,		
“ lost “ 5,			Present No. 33
Number of Families 14.	Ordinary attendance		70
Sunday School Teachers 6,	Scholars		31

Catechetical instruction by the minister every third Sunday.

Public services every Sunday morning, and every Wednesday evening during Lent; Christmas day and Good Friday.

Contributions for Parochial purposes \$5 80.	Diocesan Missions \$8 50	
“ for Domestic Missions 10 18.	Sunday School books 8 50	
Dues to Fund of Convention 8 25.	Travelling ex. of Bishop 10 00	

These data take their commencement from the first of August, 1852.

MENDON—ZION—*Adams County.*

Confirmed 11.	Communicants lost by removal 3.	Present number 29.
Number of Families 11.	No. in attendance upon ordinary occasions 20 to 30	
Sunday School Teachers 6.	Scholars 20	
Dues to Fund of Convention \$5 88.	Travelling expenses of Bishop \$14 40	

Easter Monday, 1853, the Rev. John Sellwood having received a call to South

Carolina which he believed it his duty to accept, tendered his resignation of the parish at the annual parish meeting, which was accepted. Since then the Rev. G. P. Giddings has officiated one Sunday, and administered the holy communion. The Rev. S. R. Child has also officiated two Sundays. Every Sunday with the exception of those already mentioned, the congregation have assembled for morning and evening prayer and service, under the charge of a lay-reader, when an appropriate sermon has been read.

BENJAMIN LONG,
JAMES R. W. SELLWOOD, *Wardens.*

METAMORA—CHRIST—Rev. E. B. KELLOGG.

Baptisms,	Infants 6,	Adults 0,	Total 6
Confirmed,			4
Communicants added by rem'l,	0.	Otherwise, 2.	Total 2.
" lost	2.	By death, 0.	Total 2.
Present No.	31		
Ordinary attendance, from			40 to 50
Catechetical instruction—none, except in my own family.			
Public Services twice on Sunday during summer, and once during winter.			
Parochial contributions			\$39 00

During my absence last winter on the business of Jubilee College, a "Union Protracted Meeting" was held in Metamora, and continued (as I am informed) for six weeks. The result was, that many who used to frequent our services, were drawn off and secured to other congregations. The ordinary attendance since that period has been much less than before. With regard to the Sunday School, I have to say, that when I took the charge of this parish four years since, I found a Union Sunday School in operation in Metamora. Those teachers among them who were Episcopalians were found reluctant, (and continue so still,) to separate from their fellow-laborers, and have a school of their own; hence I have none to report.

MORRIS—ST. THOMAS—Rev. GEO. S. PORTER.

[Extends back ten months.]

Baptisms	Infants 2,	Adults 0,	Total 2
Confirmed			5
Communicants received 1,	Added 5,	Removed 2,	Present number 17
No. of communions			8
No. families, probably			17
Ordinary attendance about			60
Sunday School teachers—should be			7
" scholars 30 or 35, now uncertain from derangement of place of meeting. We have a good library of 300 volumes, from the Bishop's family.			

Contributions for Church	\$400 00.	Ladies' Society	\$60 00
" for Domestic Missions			2 75

Other objects beyond alms of communion we found it impracticable to aid.

The parish continued in a prosperous condition through the winter season, but were early in the spring compelled to abandon their place of meeting. In their effort to get sufficient funds for building they were not successful, and they have consequently suffered the evil consequences to the present time.

The ladies contributed their benevolent and active services through the winter season, and gave us encouragement. They will soon renew their labors.

Our vestry hope to build in the course of the year on their beautiful lot, kindly presented them by a gentleman of Chicago, but for ability to do so, they must look abroad.

OTTAWA—CHRIST,—FARM RIDGE—ST. ANDREWS'.

REV. C. P. CLARKE, Rector and Missionary.

Christ Church, Ottawa.

Baptisms,	Infants 17,	Adults 3,	Total 20
Confirmed			4
Marriages	6.	Burials	7

Communicants added by removal and otherwise	12,	Present No.	43
“ lost “ and death	17,		
No. of Families about			40
No. in attendance at Divine service			100
Sunday School Teachers 9,	Scholars 50,	Total	59
Offerings for Missions and other purposes			\$41 48

St. Andrew's Church, Farm Ridge.

Baptisms	Infants 1,	Adults 1,	Total 2
Confirmed			7
Burials			1
Marriages			1
Communicants			18
Offerings			\$4 00

The Church in Ottawa is steadily gaining strength and it is hoped, will soon be self-supporting.

The infant parish of St. Andrews, at Farm Ridge, with a commendable zeal have commenced the erection of a Church which is already enclosed, upon which has been expended eight hundred dollars, raised among themselves. To complete the building three hundred dollars more will be requisite which they will have to look for abroad, as they have already taxed themselves to the extent of their means. On the whole we have much cause of encouragement. The church is steadily extending the area of her influence in this interesting country, and your missionary has the happiness to see three clergymen now actively employed in the field occupied by himself alone one year ago.

PEORIA—ST. PAUL'S—REV. J. W. CRACRAFT.

Baptisms	Infants 15,	Adults 1,	Total 16
Confirmed			12
Communicants lost by removal	6,	By death 1,	Present number 54
Sunday School Teachers	12,	Scholars	90
Marriages			9
Funerals			5
Offerings			\$218 75
For organ and Church debt			579 84
County Bible Society			21 66
Domestic Missions			26 81

PEKIN—ST. PAUL'S—W. Stanberry, J. A. Jones, Wardens.

Communicants added by removal	2,	Otherwise 0,	
“ lost “	8,	By death 1,	Present No. 12
Number of Families			8
Public services four times.			
Dues to the Fund of the Convention			\$3 00

JACKSONVILLE—TRINITY—REV. J. T. WORTHINGTON.

Baptisms	Infants 1,	Adults 2,	Total 3
Confirmed			
presented at Jacksonville 10, at Pittsfield 1, at Rushville 1,			Total 12
Marriages			4

The above, continued his charge at this parish until October 10th, 1852, after which he visited it once in each of the months, November and December. After last Convention services were performed regularly as before.

ST. STEPHEN'S—Pike County—REV. J. T. WORTHINGTON.

(Report from 10th Oct. 1852, to 5th Sept. 1853.)

Baptisms	Infants—one of which at Rushville—	11
Burials—three of which were not of this Church,		4

Communicants added by accession 2,	Lost by suspension 1,	Total 3
Regular in attendance when practicable		20
No. of Families which generally attend service,		18
Ordinary attendance at morning service, 30 to 40. Evening service, 8 to 20		
Catechetical instruction—the rector is necessarily a constant teacher in the Sunday School, but being confined to no one class, he catechises every Sunday. It is a part of his course to catechise occasionally before the congregation instead of preaching a sermon.		
Public services twice every Sunday, with regular monthly communion.		
Contributions for rector's salary in '52 and '53,		\$285 55
Contributions for Parochial purposes,		28 70
Cost of church building and lot about		\$1800 00
Amount raised in the parish for same		1455 00
Dues to Fund of Convention \$5 00. Travelling expenses of Bishop		\$12 00

The rector in following so far, as nearly as he could the form of report recommended by the Bishop, was unable to give therein all the statistics of his parish.

His parish necessarily covers Pike County, and many of the people rightfully belonging to the Church are so scattered about, and so far distant from Pittsfield that it is impossible to have any regular or general attendance. An itinerant missionary service is indispensable to the condition of the parish.

Besides the communicants reported, the rector has notice of over thirty others who at some time past have been in the full communion of the Church. Some of them he has visited; and expects them to return to their duty. Some others he has not been able to visit, and some both in and out of Pittsfield, are so callous to their religious obligations, that his advice has heretofore had no weight with them. From the greater part of them the Church service receives no support whatever. It is sustained mostly by the piety and zeal and example of a small number.

He has a monthly afternoon service about seven miles west of Pittsfield, in a school house. There the attendance has always been larger than the house will hold. The people are very orderly and attentive, and the responses are good, though many of them never before heard our liturgies. In town our services have generally been confined to the Sabbath day, because we have had no house under our control. Now we have a church ready for consecration, and out of debt, thirty by fifty feet, with an excellent melodeon; but wanting vestry room, tower, bell, and carpets.

PROVIDENCE--ZION—William Bacon, *Sen.* *Warden.*

Baptisms	Infants	and	Adults	4
Confirmed				3
Communicants				32
Raised by subscription in the parish for a church building,				\$500 00
Donations received from parishes and friends of the Church in the East,				106 00
In promises, oral and written, of doubtful availability,				157 00

This parish had the ministrations of the Rev. Erastus De Wolf as missionary, from the commencement of the Conventional year till the first of November; since which time it has been without clerical services. The parish embraces a large extent of territory, needs missionary aid, and is much in need of a faithful rector—for whose support from \$275, to \$300, would be raised.

QUINCY—ST. JOHN'S—Rev. G. P. GIDDINGE.

Baptisms	Infants 24,	Adults 2,	Total 26
Confirmed			15
Communicants added by removal 3,	Otherwise 12,	Present number 92	
“ lost “ 13,	By death 3,		
Sunday School Teachers 10,	Scholars		80
Catechetical instruction has been given by the rector to candidates for confirmation, in his study.			
Marriages 8,	Burials		19
Communion administered in public sixteen times, in the sick-room twice.			

Divine service, sermons and lectures, several of which were in other parishes,	168
Contributions for Sunday School,	\$ 26 00
Other parochial purposes about \$100 00.	For erection of church, 4000 00
For Church at Warsaw, twenty dollars, added to twenty on hand,	40 00
Dues to Fund of Convention \$10 00	Travelling ex. of Bishop 36 00

Our new Church, of which the corner-stone was laid in July last, is in progress of completion, and will probably be ready for consecration some time in November, or early in December. It is of stone, plain and rough, but substantial and convenient. Its cost, when finished, will be about \$8000. I take this opportunity of expressing our indebtedness and gratitude to the generosity of Eastern friends, without whose assistance it could not have been built. I doubt not the parish will 'Repay the debt to regions solitary yet, within our spreading land.'

ROBINSNEST—CHRIST—REV. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.

Baptisms	Infants 7,	Adult 1,	Total 8
Confirmed			6
Communicants added by removal 0,	Otherwise 6,		Present No. 76
" lost " 5, lost by death 1,			
No. families 18.	Sunday School Teachers 3,		Scholars 45
Catechetical instruction on each Sunday.			
Public services Sundays, Festivals and Fasts.			
Contributions for Parochial purposes, \$66 40.	Diocesan Missions	\$27 92	
" for Domestic Missions		12 75	
Dues to Fund of Convention \$12 00.	Travelling ex. of Bishop,	30 40	

SPRINGFIELD—ST. PAUL'S—Rev. CHARLES DRESSER.

Baptisms,	Infants 25,	Adult 1,	Total 26
Confirmed			3
Communicants added by removal 7,	Otherwise 3,		Present No. 54
" lost " 10, By death 2,			
Marriages 5, Funerals			14
Sunday School Teachers 6.			Scholars 30
Catechetical instruction only in the Sunday School.			
Collected in various ways for Parochial purposes			1300 00
Contributions for Domestic Missions \$14 00.	Diocesan Missions	\$33 00	
Dues to fund of Convention 14 00.	Travelling ex. of Bishop	22 40	

Since the last Convention I have officiated once or more every Sunday until the last, when I failed in the effort, having preached 119 times in ten different places, and administered the communion in two places beside monthly communion in my own parish. On eight occasions of public worship there was no sermon. The parish, and more especially the Sunday School have suffered by the removals of the past year. The only decided change for the better has been the erection of a new parsonage, more commodious than the old one, and on a lot immediately adjacent to the Church.

WARSAW—ST. JOHN'S—Rev. S. R. CHILD.

Baptisms,	Infant 1,	Adult 1,	Total 2
Confirmed			7
Communicants lost by removal 2,	Otherwise 3,	Present No. 11	
Number of Families 6,	Ordinary attendance		50
Sunday School Teachers 4,	Scholars		30
Catechetical instruction every Sunday in the afternoon.			
Public services Sundays only, as our school house is occupied all the week.			
No. public services every Sunday except six—being absent officiating in other places. In the afternoon Sunday School, Bible Class and catechising the young.			
Contributions for Parochial purposes, \$300 00.	Diocesan Missions	\$4 00	
Other objects		10 00	
Dues to Fund of Convention 2 00.	Travelling ex. of Bishop,	4 00	

My missionary services have been few and interrupted during the last year, in

consequence of my time and attention being mainly devoted to the building of our Church. It is enclosed and the floor laid, but our funds are exhausted. We have suffered numerous disappointments in means and progress. Had we the means (two or three hundred dollars) to finish it, we should at once secure a large and attentive congregation. I have had public services, and preached fourteen times in adjoining places.

WAUKEGAN—CHRIST—Rev. JOSEPH W. PIERSON.

Baptisms	Infants	8
Communicants lost by removal 1,	Present number	20
Number of Families 36,	Ordinary attendance	100
Sunday School Teachers 4,	Scholars	15

Catechetical instruction first Sunday in each month.

Public services every Sunday morning and afternoon, and Wednesday afternoon.

Contributions for parochial purposes	\$5 14
Dues to the Fund of Convention	5 00

This report dates from February 27, 1853. For some months previous to that time the Church had been closed. It has never before been as prosperous as at present; and there is visible, an increased attention to the subject of religion. There have been two marriages and one funeral.

WAVERLY—CHRIST—*Morgan County.*

Communicants added 1,	Present number	9
Number of Families		6
Public services five, on three occasions.		
Contributions for Diocesan Missions	\$5 00	
Travelling expenses of Bishop		5 00

Rev. J. N. NIGLAS, *Itinerating Missionary.*

Baptisms Infants 2,	Adults 0,	Total 2
Confirmed		2
Communicants lost by removal 2,	Present number	53
Number of Families 7. No. in attendance upon ordinary occasions	50 to 70	
Sunday School Teacher—myself, Scholars		7

Catechetical instruction ten times.

Public services every Sabbath, and on the 4th of July. No. services 23

NEW MILFORD, *Mission*—Rev. ORRIN MILLER.

Baptisms Infants 7,	Adults 1,	Total 8
Communicants added 2,	Ordinary attendance	200

I have preached four times at Bonus Prairie, Boone Co.; once at Emmanuel, Rockford; once at Trinity, Chicago; once at Kenosha, Wis.; and at New Milford twenty-five times. I have administered the Holy Communion once.

ARCADIA, WYOMING, *Mission*,—Rev. PHILANDER CHASE.

Communicants in Wyoming	6
Ordinary attendance from	20 to 40
Sunday School Teachers 3,	Scholars
Public services every Sunday, nearly.	No. services—say
Contributions for Domestic Missions	\$4 35

I officiated every other Sunday in Farmington until Christmas, since that I have confined my labours to Wyoming and Arcadia.

ELGIN and parts adjacent, *Mission*,—Rev. JOHN McKEOWN.

Baptisms Infants 6,	Adults 3,	Total 9
Confirmed 4,	Communicants	30
No. of Families		30
Sunday school Teachers 3,	Scholars	7

Catechetical instruction on Sundays and week days.

Public Services on Sundays twice, Fridays once, Saturdays once.

Contributions per annum for rent of church room \$30 00

Dues to the Fund of Convention, and Bishop's travelling expenses, nothing paid.

MULLICA HILL, N. J., Aug. 22d, 1853.

Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D.,

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the canon which requires a report from each clergyman, I respectfully submit the following:

Since the last Convention I spent three months in collecting funds for the Churches at Providence and Dixon, and in visiting my friends in the Eastern States. I returned last September, and laboured as missionary near three months, when I left for the East with my two motherless daughters, to place them in schools, and with their relatives. It was my intention to have returned immediately, but Divine Providence appeared to direct otherwise. I accepted a call in New Jersey, near Philadelphia, where I have been labouring ever since with apparent success, under the blessing of the Great Head of the Church.

My services in Bureau county were attended with some tokens of God's favor: I baptised one adult and three infants. Confirmed three. There were also one burial and one marriage.

Yours most affectionately,

ERASTUS DE WOLF.

KICKAPOO, Sept. 1, 1853.

Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D.,

Dear Sir,

The undersigned begs respectfully to state that organic disease, and great feebleness of body forbid his taking charge of any parish. There are times, however, and cases of necessity, in which he has ventured upon a short service. He has on three several occasions during the past year, performed one morning, and two evening services at Kickapoo. Baptised one infant, and administered the sacrament to a sick person.

JOSEPH MAYO, A. M.

ST. LUKE'S—KICKAPOO.

Families 13. Communicants 26. Baptisms, children 3. Sunday School of 10 to 15 children taught by the missionary. Collections for Diocesan Missions, \$4 43. This report is for six months, ending the 10th of July, during which time Divine service has been held in St. Luke's, on each alternate Sunday.

ASA GRISWOLD.

ZION CHAPEL—BRIMFIELD.

Families 7. Communicants 9. Marriage 1. Burial 1. Collections for Diocesan Missions, \$3 45. This report is for six months ending the 10th July, during which time Divine service has been held in Zion Chapel on each alternate Sunday.

ASA GRISWOLD.

CANON VIII. OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time.

SECTION 1. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary it is hereby ordered that every minister of this church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals, and of the number of Communicants in his Parish or Church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other clergyman, not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in Convention, and shall be entered on the Journals thereof.

CANON IX. OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.

Of Parish Registers, and Parochial Reports.

SEC. 2. The parochial report required by general canon to be made to the Bishop or president of each Annual Convention, shall state, in addition to what is specified in such canon, the number of communicants added and lost since last report, distinguishing in each case those added or lost by removal.

SEC. 3. In every case where a parish is destitute of a minister, the register contemplated by this canon, shall be kept by some person appointed by the vestry for that purpose; and the annual parochial report shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop by the wardens of the parish.

Form of Parochial Report.

Location of Parish—Name of Parish—Name of Clergyman.

Baptisms	Infants—	Adults—	Total, —
Confirmed			—
Communicants added by removal—	Otherwise—	Total—	
“ lost “ “ —	By death —	Total—	Present No. —
Number of Families —		Ordinary attendance	—
Sunday School Teachers —		Scholars	—
Catechetical instruction.			
Public services. Occasions.			Number —
Contributions. Parochial	—	Diocesan Missions	—
Dom. Missions	—	Foreign “	—
Other objects			
DUES—to Fund of Convention	—	Travelling expenses of B'p	—
REMARKS—			

Extract from Journal of 1846.

Resolved, That the clerical members of this Convention, and such of the laity as shall contribute the sum of five dollars annually, do constitute a Diocesan Missionary Association, to extend the means of grace to destitute places in this Diocese, not aided by the Domestic Committee of the General Missionary Board.

Resolved, That the President, Secretary and Treasurer of this Convention fill the same places in this association; and that the regular meetings be at the close of each annual Convention.

Resolved, That it be recommended to every minister to present the peculiar claims of this association to his congregation during the ensuing year, and take up collections in furtherance of the object in view.

Extract from Journal of 1847.

Resolved, That the friends of the Church in this Diocese, both at home and abroad, be earnestly requested to contribute of their means and enable the Bishop to carry into effect the object of this association.



CANON IV.--OF PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

It shall be lawful for any number of persons not less than three, friendly to the P. E. Church, and desirous of consecrating their endeavors, to associate themselves as a parish under the direction of any minister canonically resident in this Diocese; *Provided, however*, that such parish shall embrace at least six communicants to entitle it to a representative in the Convention. The following shall be the form of such association:

“We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply sensible of the truth of the christian religion, and earnestly desirous of promoting its holy influence in our own hearts, and in those of our families and neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves under the name of _____ Parish, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and Diocese of Illinois, the authority of whose constitution and canons we do hereby recognize, and to whose liturgy and mode of worship we promise conformity.”

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of each parish organized according to the above form, to report the fact of such organization within one month to the Secretary of the Convention, duly certified by the minister under whose direction the parish was organized, and the Secretary shall make an attested record of the same.

CANON V.

Of the admission of a Church into union with the P. E. Church in this Diocese.

SEC. 1. To entitle a church, hereafter, to admission into union with the P. E. Church in this Diocese, it shall be required that the vestry submit to the Convention, or to a committee appointed by its authority, the certificate of organization, signed by one of the wardens, or the clerk of the vestry.

SEC. 2. Every organized church, applying for admission into union with the Convention of this Diocese, shall also produce to the Convention a certificate of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or a vacancy in the Episcopate, of the major part of the standing committee, that he or they may approve of the organization of such church.

CANON XV.

It shall be the duty of every parish to contribute and forward to each annual Convention, a sum equal to twelve and a half cents for each communicant in the same, to defray the contingent expenses of the Diocese; all such parishes as fail to pay their quota shall be denied representation in Convention, unless excused by the Convention.

Article II of the Constitution as amended.

There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, on the first Monday in September in each year, in such place as the previous Convention shall determine.

In consequence of a typographical error in the 3d Sec. of canon II, in the edition printed 1847, the Secretary reprints the section as corrected, *viz.:*

SEC. 3. The presence of at least five clergymen entitled

to vote in the Convention, and of delegates from at least three congregations, shall be necessary to the transaction of business; except that a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

Resolution of 1836.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the members of the Convention, hereafter to be held in this Diocese, that they meet annually on the Saturday preceding the opening of the Convention, that they may have the privilege of attending public worship and partaking of the Lord's Supper, the Sunday following; and thus be prepared to enter upon the business of the Convention on the succeeding Monday.

Resolution of 1838.

On motion,

Resolved, As the sense of this Convention, and in accordance with a resolution of the house of Bishops,—That it is highly inconsistent with the Christian character, and prejudicial to the interests of the Church for communicants in the same to frequent or attend public balls, theatrical exhibitions, horse-racing, and other similar amusements.

Resolution of 1851.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention it is the imperative duty of every clergyman of this Diocese to bring before the people of his parish the subject of a permanent Episcopal Fund, and to urge upon them the importance of prompt and immediate action, in systematic contributions, as recommended by the board of trustees in their circular, recently set forth on that subject.

Resolution of 1852.

On motion,

It was ordered, that the Treasurer of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate be requested by circular, or otherwise, to call the attention of delinquent subscribers, and others to the duty of contributing promptly and systematically to the increase of said fund.

P R O C E E D I N G S

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D i o c e s a n M i s s i o n a r y A s s o c i a t i o n .

P E O R I A , S e p t . 7, 1853.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop presiding; the association met.
On motion,

Resolved, That as a basis of action the association will, God being their helper, raise the sum of five hundred dollars for the year ensuing.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following locations be adopted as the Missionary stations for Diocesan action the ensuing year from 1st October. Payments quarterly, not in advance:

<i>Warsaw</i> ,	Rev. S. R. Child.
<i>Bloomington</i> ,	" John A. Bowman.
<i>Freeport</i> ,	" A. J. Warner.
<i>Lockport</i> ,	" S. D. Pulford.
<i>Morris</i> ,	" G. L. Porter.
<i>Aurora</i> ,	* * * *
<i>Algonquin</i> ,	* * * *
<i>Arcadia</i> ,	
<i>Wyoming</i> ,	
<i>Farmington</i> ,	
<i>Pekin</i> ,	
	Rev. Philander Chase.
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On motion,

Resolved, That it be recommended to every clergyman, to present the peculiar claims of Diocesan Missions to his congregation during the ensuing year, and make collections not less than twice in furtherance of the object in view.

On motion,

It was ordered that a committee of three be appointed for correspondence with the parochial clergy of the Diocese, on the claims of Diocesan Missions, and the arrangements necessary for supporting the same.

The Chair appointed

Rev. J. W. Cracraft,
 " S. Y. McMasters,
 " J. T. Worthington,
 such committee.

The Treasurer presented the following amount of Receipts and Expenditures for the year 1852-3, ending October 1st:

Samuel Chase, Treasurer,

In account with Diocesan Missionary Association, 1852-3.

1852.	DR.
Oct. 27. To cash, balance in hands of B'p Chase, rec'd from executrix,	\$191 39
" cash, Grace Church, Galena,	12 40
1853.	
June 19. " " Mrs. Slater, through Bishop Whitehouse,	100 00
Feb. 3. " " C'h of the Holy Communion, thro' B'p Whitehouse,	100 00
" 24. " " M. S. Marsh,	5 00
Mar. 7. " " Mr. Allis, Waverly,	5 00
" 9. " " St. Paul's, Springfield,	10 00
" 9. " " Rev. Charles Dresser,	5 00
" 18. " " Church of the Atonement,	5 00
" 18. " " Rev. Dudley Chase,	5 00
" 18. " " Female communicant, Rushville,	1 00
" 20. " " St. Luke's, Kickapoo,	4 43
" 21. " " H. A. Chase, Baltimore, Md.	5 00
" 26. " " Christ Church, Robinstown,	27 92
April 1. " " Christ Church, Joliet, and St. John's, Lockport,	5 00
" 1. " " Zion chapel, Brimfield,	3 45
" 5. " " Christ Church, Warsaw,	4 00
" 6. " " Christ Church, Limestone,	8 50
June 28. " " Bishop Whitehouse,	60 00
" 28. " " Mrs. Batchelder,	2 00
" 28. " " Refunded by Rev. Mr. Bentley,	12 00
July 26. " " "Churchman," Rushville,	10 00
Aug. 24. " " Member of Christ Church, Rushville.	1 00
" " Mrs. S. M. Chase,	20 00
Sept. 5. " Offerings in Convention, St. Paul's, Peoria,	26 81
" " cash from Mr. H. S. Austin,	5 00
" " from Rev. E. B. Kellogg,	10 00
" " from Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse,	33 85
1852.	CR.
Sept. 25. By cash, paid Rev. S. R. Child,	\$25 00
25. " " Rev. T. N. Morrison,	25 00
25. " " Rev. J. L. Johnston,	25 00
25. " " Rev. Philander Chase,	25 00
25. " " Rev. S. D. Pulford,	25 00
25. " " Rev. James Bentley,	25 00
1853.	
Jan. 28. " " Rev. Philander Chase,	25 00
" " Rev. S. R. Child,	25 00
" " Rev. T. N. Morrison,	25 00
" " Rev. S. D. Pulford,	25 00
" " Rev. James Bentley,	25 00
Feb. 23. " " Rev. J. McKeown,	50 00
April 1. " " Rev. Philander Chase,	25 00

\$350 00 \$678 75
 Amounts carried over.

To amount brought over,		\$678 75
By amount brought over,		
April 1. By cash paid Rev. S. R. Child,	\$350 00	
1. " " Rev. T. N. Morrison,	25 00	
1. " " Rev. S. D. Pulford,	25 00	
1. " " Rev. James Bentley,	25 00	
June 28. " " Rev. J. McKeown,	25 00	
" " Rev. Philander Chase,	25 00	
" " Rev. S. R. Child,	25 00	
" " Rev. S. D. Pulford,	25 00	
" " Rev. A. J. Warner,	25 00	
Up to July 1st.		
By stipend due missionaries, October 1st,	100 00	
By bill for circulars,	3 75	
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	\$678 75	\$678 75

The association adjourned *sine die*.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Secretary.

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Samuel Chase, Tr.,

In account with the Convention, 1852-3.

	DR.
June. To balance of amount,	\$27 97
" cash from St. John's, Quincy,	20 00
" " " St. Luke's, Kickapoo,	4 50
" " " Christ church, Limestone,	6 25
" " " St. Paul's, Pekin,	6 25
" " " Christ church, Metamora,	7 75
" " " Christ church, Robinsnest,	12 00
" " " Calvary church, Farmington,	3 25
" " " Trinity church, Jacksonville,	8 00
" " " St. Peter's, Grand de Tour,	7 00
" " " St. Paul's, Springfield,	7 60
" " " St. Paul's, Peoria.	35 00
	Cr.
Sept. 25. By cash paid postage on Journals,	\$ 3 88
" bill for Journal of 1852.	68 50
By balance,	73 19
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	\$145 57
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August 24, 1853.	\$145 57

SAMUEL CHASE.

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*The following Parishes have paid no part of the assessment
for Travelling Expenses of Bishop, 1852-3.*

Trinity, Aurora,	\$18 00	St. Peter's, Grand de Tour,	\$4 00
St. Paul's, Alton,	14 00	St. Luke's Kickapoo,	7 20
St. Peter's, Chesterfield,	9 20	Zion, Mendon,	14 40
St. Ansarius', Chicago,	65 80	Trinity, Mt. Sterling,	4 40
St. James', "	65 80	Christ, Ottawa,	12 00
Atonement, "	18 00	St. Paul's, Pekin,	10 00
Grace, "	29 20	St. Paul's, Peoria,	17 40
St. Luke's, Dixon,	2 40	St. Paul's, Peru,	2 80
Christ, Erindale,	14 40	Christ, Rushville,	10 00
Zion, Freeport,	6 00	Christ, Waukegan,	12 40

Samuel Chase, Treasurer, in account with fund for Bishop's Travelling Expenses.

1852.		DR.
Nov. 3.	To cash from St. Paul's, Springfield,	\$22 40
6.	" " Christ Church, Robinsnest,	30 40
1853.		
Feb. 3.	" Christ Church, Waverly,	5 00
Aug. 27.	" St. John's, Warsaw,	4 00
Sept. 5.	" St. Stephen's, Pittsfield,	12 00
5.	" Grace Church, Galena,	30 00
5.	" St. John's, Lockport,	5 00
5.	" Christ, Joliet,	2 00
5.	" St. John's, Quincy,	36 00
5.	" St. John's, Albion,	9 60
5.	" Trinity, Jacksonville,	18 00
5.	" Trinity, Chicago,	24 00
5.	" Calvary, Farmington,	5 20
5.	" St. Mark's, Chester,	8 00
5.	" Christ, Limestone,	10 00
5.	" Christ, Metamora,	12 40
1852.		CR.
Nov. 6.	By cash paid Bishop Whitehouse,	\$52 80
1853.		
Sept. 7.	By cash paid Bishop Whitehouse,	182 20
		<hr/> \$235 00 \$235 00

SAMUEL CHASE, Tr.

Assessment upon the Parishes for Travelling Expenses of the Bishop for the year 1853-4.

[Resolution of Convention, 1852.]

Trinity Church, Aurora.	\$9 60	St. Luke's, Kickapoo,	\$7 20
St. Paul's, Alton,	22 40	Christ, Limestone,	10 80
St. John's, Albion,	10 00	Zion, Mendon,	14 40
St. Matthew's, Bloomington.	7 20	Christ, Metamora,	12 40
St. Mark's, Chester,	8 80	St. Thomas', Morris,	11 55
Atonement, Chicago,	20 00	Christ, Ottawa,	16 00
St. James', "	68 00	St. Paul's, Pekin,	5 80
Trinity "	28 80	St. Paul's, Peoria,	18 40
Grace, "	29 20	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield,	7 20
Christ Church, Collinsville,	9 57	Zion, Providence,	9 50
Calvary, Farmington,	4 90	St. John's, Quincy,	36 80
St. Ansgarius', Chicago,	33 40	Emmanuel, Rockford,	9 00
St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge,	7 20	Christ, Robinsnest,	23 00
Zion, Freeport,	7 20	St. Paul's, Springfield,	17 80
St. Peter's, Grand de Tour,	4 00	St. Paul's, Warsaw,	4 40
Trinity, Jacksonville,	13 00	Christ, Waukegan,	8 00
Christ, Joliet,	4 90	Christ, Waverly,	3 60
St. Mark's, La Salle,	b 60		

SAMUEL CHASE,
Treasurer of Con.

A. CAMPBELL, Treasurer,*In account with Bishop's Fund.*

1850.				D.R.
Dec. 23.	To cash from J. W. Singleton,			\$2 00
" " "	A. Campbell,			2 00
25. " "	M. S. Marsh,			5 00
" " "	Rev. C. Dresser,			1 00
" " "	Mrs. L. Dresser,			1 00
" " "	Rev. S. Y. McMasters,			1 00
1851.				
Feb. 3.	" "	Rev. G. Unonius,		5 00
20.	" "	S. H. Treat,		1 00
May 30.	" "	C. H. Longworth,		10 00
" " "	Rev. S. Chase,			1 00
1852.				
Jan. —	" "	Rev. S. Y. McMasters,		1 90
" " "	Rev. C. Dresser,			1 90
18. " "	M. S. Marsh,			5 00
" " "	Mrs. L. Dresser,			1 90
June 18.	" "	J. W. Singleton,		10 00
23.	" "	Rev. S. Chase,		2 00
1853.				
Jan. 1.	" "	M. S. Marsh,		5 00
1850.				C.R.
Dec. 23.	By cash, Rev. C. Dresser,			\$2 00
" " "	" " "			4 00
1851.				
Feb. 2.	"	Tax, Schuyler Co.,		1 00
June 8.	"	" "		3 30
1852.				
Nov. 1.	"	Rev. C. Dresser,		7 63
" " "	Postage,			79
1853.				
Aug. 10.	"	Tax, Schuyler Co.,		14 09
24.		By Balance,		23 89
				<hr/> \$56 70
				<hr/> \$56 70

A. CAMPBELL,

Springfield, Aug. 26, 1853.

Treasurer.

*Statement of delinquent Parishes for Contingent Fund of
Convention for 1851-2.*

St. Paul's church,	Alton,	for 1852
St. James' church,	Chicago,	for 1851 and 1852
Trinity church,	"	for 1851 and 1852
St. Ansgarius' church,	"	for 1851 and 1852
Church of the Atonement,	"	for 1852
Grace church,	"	for 1852
Grace church,	Galena,	for 1851 and 1852
St. John's church,	Lockport,	for 1851 and 1852
Zion church,	Mendon,	for 1851 and 1852
Christ church,	Ottawa,	for 1851 and 1852
St. Stephen's church,	Pittsfield,	for 1851 and 1855
St. Paul's church,	Warsaw,	for 1851 and 1852
Christ church,	Waukegan,	for 1851 and 1852

SAMUEL CHASE,
Treasurer of Con.

ABS REPORTS.

Location.	Churches.	N _{o.}	Sun. School	s.	Parochial.		Dioc. Missions.		Dom. Missions.		For. Missions.		Other objects.		Convention Fund.	Trav. ex. of Bp.	
					\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Aurora,	Trinity,	80		210 00			\$	10 00		\$	47 00	\$	14 00	\$	14 00		
Alton,	St. Paul's,	87			2 50		2 50		2 50							9 60	
Albion,	St. John's,																
Algonquin,	St. John's,																
Bloomington,	St. Matthew's,	31		700 00				3 45								4 25	
Brimfield,	Zion chapel,																
Beardstown,	St. Andrew's,																
Carlinville,	St. Paul's,																
Chester,	St. Mark's,																
Chesterfield,	St. Peter's,																
Chicago,	St. James',	Rev. Rob	186	480 00				30 00			5658 00						
"	St. Ansarius',	Rev. G. J.															
"	Atonement,	Rev. Dud	40														
"	Trinity,	Rev. W.	50														
"	Grace,	Rev. C. E.															
Collinsville,	Christ,	Rev. J. L.	15													7 00	
Dixon,	St. Luke's,																
Edwardsville,	St. Andrew's,																
Erindale,	Christ,																
Farmington,	Calvary,																
Farm Ridge,	St. Andrew's,																
Freeport,	Zion,	Rev. A. J.	56	432 62	12 40	18 50											
Galena,	Grace,	Rev. T. D.															
Grand Detour,	St. Peter's,	Rev. Jam															
Jacksonville,	Trinity,	Rev. T. D.	20														
Joliet,	Christ,																
Kickapoo,	St. Luke's,																
La Salle,	St. Mark's,																
Limestone,	Christ,	Rev. Joh	31	5 80	8 50	10 18											
Lockport,	St. John's,	Rev. S. I.	25	12 84	3 00	4 25	4 06										
Mendon,	Zion,																
Metamora,	Christ,	Rev. E.															
Mt. Sterling,	Trinity,																
Morris,	St. Thomas',	Rev. Geo	35	460 00			2 15										
Naperville,	St. John's,	Rev. C. I.	50														
Ottawa,	Christ,																
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Peru,	St. Paul's,	Rev. J. V.	90	218 75	26 81												
Pittsfield,	St. Stephen's,	Rev. J. T.															
Providence,	Zion.																
Quincy,	St. John's,	Rev. G.	80	4126 00													
Rockford,	Emmanuel,	Rev. Cha															
Robbinsnest,	Christ,	Rev. S. C.	45	66 40	27 92	12 75											
Rushville,	Christ,																
Springfield,	St. Paul's,	Rev. Cha	50	1300 00	33 00	14 00											
Tremont,	Christ,																
St. Charles,	St. Eric's,																
Warsaw,	St. Paul's,	Rev. S. I.	30	300 00	4 00												
Waukegan,	Christ,	Rev. J. V.	15	514 00			5 00										
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*Statement of delinquent Parishes for Contingent Fund of
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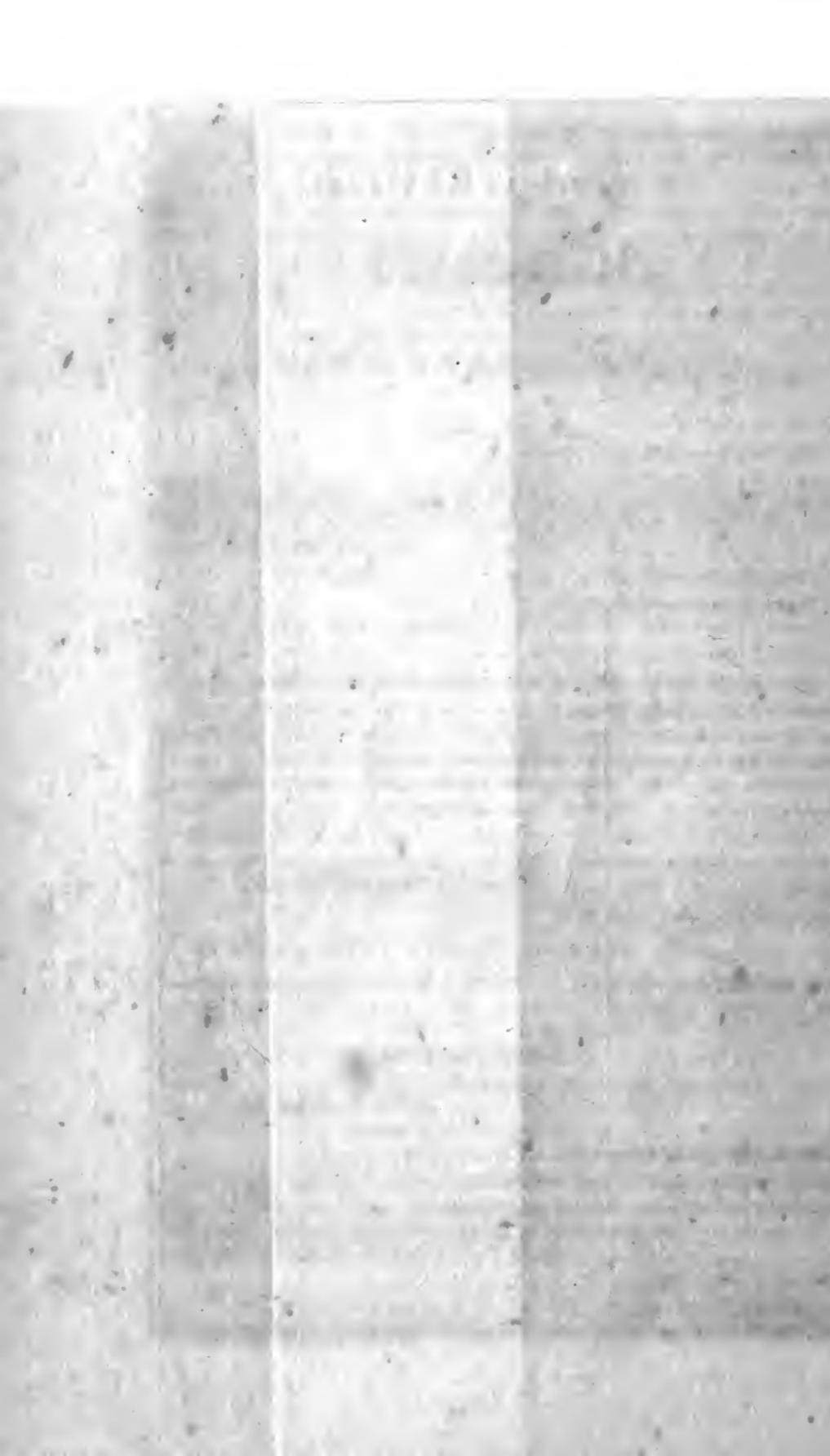
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Trinity church,	"	for 1851 and 1852
St. Ansgarius' church,	"	for 1851 and 1852
Church of the Atonement,	"	for 1851 and 1852
Grace church,	"	for 1852
Grace church,	Galena,	for 1851 and 1852
St. John's church,	Lockport,	for 1851 and 1852
Zion church,	Mendon,	for 1851 and 1852
Christ church,	Ottawa,	for 1851 and 1852
St. Stephen's church,	Pittsfield,	for 1851 and 1855
St. Paul's church,	Warsaw,	for 1851 and 1852
Christ church,	Waukegan,	for 1851 and 1852

SAMUEL CHASE,
Treasurer of Con.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Location.	Churches.	Names of Clergy.	Convention Fund.												Trav. ex. of Bp.			
			Communi- cants: [Present No. Lost.]			Son. School: [T. S.]			For. Missions.			Dom. Missions.			Dioc. Missions.			
Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Families.	1. A.	Added.	Lost.	T.	S.	Parochial.	1000	2500	250	1700	1400	960	425	57025	800	
Aurora,	Trinity,	Rev. S. Y. McMasters, L. L. D.	25	6	8	27	56	7	80	210	00							
Alton,	St. Paul's,	Rev. William Clotworthy.	24	3			25	11	87		250	250						
Albion,	St. John's,																	
Algonquin,	St. John's,																	
Bloomington,	St. Matthew's,	Rev. John A. Bowman.	65	2	2		18	5	31	700	00							
Brimfield,	Zion chapel,	Attached to Christ ch Robinsnest.	7				9					345						
Beardstown,	St. Andrew's,																	
Carlinville,	St. Paul's,																	
Chester,	St. Mark's,	Rev. William Mitchell.	10	2	4	6	7	22										
Chesterfield,	St. Peter's,																	
Chicago,	St. James',	Rev. Robert H. Clarkson,	184	81	10	30		170	17	186	480	00						
"	St. Ansgarius',	Rev. G. Unonina.																
"	Atonement,	Rev. Dudley Chase.	25	5														
"	Trinity,	Rev. W. A. Smallwood.	66	3			22	72	10	50								
"	Grace,	Rev. C. E. Swope.																
Collinsville,	Christ,	Rev. J. L. Darrow, M. D.	22	6	1	8	4	29	4	15								
Dixon,	St. Luke's,																	
Edwardsville,	St. Andrew's,																	
Erindale,	Christ,																	
Farmington,	Calvary,																	
Farm Ridge,	St. Andrew's,																	
Freeport,	Zion,	Rev. A. J. Warner.	10	1	1	7	1	1	18									
Galena,	Grace,	Rev. T. N. Benedict.	68	39	9	6	11	61	10	56	432	62	1240	1850		340	12107	1000
Grand Detour,	St. Peter's,	Rev. James Bentley.																
Jacksonville,	Trinity,	Rev. T. N. Morrison.	25	3	1	10	2	9	39	5	20							
Joliet,	Christ,																	
Kickapoo,	St. Luke's,																	
La Salle,	St. Mark's,																	
Limestone,	Christ,	Rev. John Benson.	14	13	4		5	12	33	6	31	580	850	1018		850	825	1000
Lockport,	St. John's,	Rev. S. D. Fulford.	25	9	3		8	33	5	25	1284	300	425	406		250	500	
Mendon,	Zion,																	
Metamora,	Christ,	Rev. E. B. Kellogg.	11	6	4	2	2	29										
Mt. Sterling,	Trinity,																	
Morris,	St. Thomas',	Rev. George S. Porter.	17	2		5	2	5	17	7	35	460	00	215				
Naperville,	St. John's,	Rev. C. P. Clarke.	40	17	3	4	17	12	43	9	50					4148		
Ottawa,	Christ,																	
Oswego,	St. John's,																	
Pekin,	St. Paul's,																	
Peoria,	St. Paul's,	Rev. J. W. Cracraft.	8															
Peru,	St. Paul's,																	
Pittsfield,	St. Stephen's,	Rev. J. T. Worthington.	15	1	12	7		54	12	90	218	75	2681					
Providence,	Zion,																	
Quincy,	St. John's,	Rev. G. P. Giddings.	18	11		1	2	20										
Rockford,	Emmanuel,	Rev. Charles Reighley.	4		3			32										
Robbinsnest,	Christ,	Rev. S. Chase, D. D.	24	2	15	16	15	92	10	80	4126	00						
Rushville,	Christ,																	
Springfield,	St. Paul's,																	
Tremont,	Christ,	Rev. Charles Dresser.	18	7	1	6	6	3	73	3	45	6640	2792	1275				
St. Charles,	St. Eric's,																	
Warsaw,	St. Paul's,	Rev. S. R. Child.	25	1	3	12	4	54	6	56	1300	00	3300	1400				
Waukegan,	Christ,	Rev. J. W. Pierson.	6	1	1	7	2	3	11	4	30	300	00	400				
Waverly,	Christ,																	

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MEMORIALS

OF

THE LATE BISHOP CHASE.

THE SECRETARY, in compliance with the instructions of the Convention, inserts in the Journal the following Resolutions passed by Conventions, Parishes, and other Institutions in the Church, commemorative of the Late BISHOP CHASE.

The Bishops assembled as an Ecclesiastical Court, at *Camden, N. J.*, October 7, 1852, cannot meet without expressing their profound sensibility at the deep bereavement which the Church has recently sustained in the loss of three of her oldest, most experienced, Bishops. They desire to record their affectionate veneration for their memories, with their lively sense of the affliction which has thus been brought upon their respective Dioceses and Families, and of the pointed and most impressive admonition thus addressed by Providence to each one of the surviving brethren in the Episcopate, urging them to greater zeal and devotion in the discharge of their private and public duties.

Resolved, That a copy of this Minute be transmitted to each of the afflicted Families, with assurances of the sympathy felt for them by the Members of this Body.

Signed by order of the Bishops assembled.

JOHN H. HOPKINS,
President.

JONA. M. WAINWRIGHT,
Clerk.

Extracts

from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Jubilee College, held Nov. 3, 1852.

On motion, it was ordered that a committee be appointed to present to this Board suitable Resolutions expressive of their deep respect for its venerable Founder, and the great work which his lamented decease has delegated to their trust.

Whereupon Rev. E. B. Kellogg and John Pennington were appointed such committee. The committee after retiring presented the following report; the Resolutions of which were, on motion, unanimously adopted. The Board on suggestion of the President voted standing, in token of respect.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Sec'y of the Board.

Report.

The committee appointed to draft Resolutions in behalf of the Board of Trustees of Jubilee College, expressive of their respect for its Founder, beg leave to report as follows, viz :

The Trustees of Jubilee College appointed by the Will of the Late Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., having assembled for the first time for the discharge of their duties, desire at the commencement of their work to express their grateful sense of the valuable services rendered to the Church of God, and to sound learning, by the sacrifices and labours of its venerable Founder.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That when we contemplate the plan upon which this Institution is founded, and its peculiar adaptation for learning to future generations; the blessings for which its benevolent Founder so zealously laboured,—we cannot but admire the far-seeing wisdom which formed, and the unyielding perseverance which has brought so great and good a work to its present condition.

Resolved, That as a Board we enter upon the duties assigned us with a deep sense of our obligations to our deceased Friend and Father, feeling in our hearts that the "memory of the just is blessed," and thankful to God that it pleased Him to raise up so great an Instrument of good in his Church.

[signed]

E. B. KELLOGG,
JOHN PENNINGTON.

SAMUEL CHASE, Provisional Sec'y.

JUBILEE COLLEGE, Oct. 14, 1852.

MRS. S. M. CHASE,

Madam,

You will receive with this a copy of some Resolutions unanimously adopted, at their last meeting, by the "Gamma Sigma Society" of Jubilee College, in reference to the death of three of the Honorary Members of that Association, of whom your lamented husband was one.

Accept this our humble tribute to his memory and believe me,

Yours respectfully,

D. W. DRESSER,
Cor. Sec. G. S. S.

Resolutions of Gamma Sigma Society.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in his dispensation of Divine Providence, during the period which has elapsed since our last meeting, to take to Himself by the levelling hand of death, when ripe in years and honors, three of the most venerated Honorary members of our Association,—Hon. *Henry Clay*, Rt. Rev. *Bishop Henshaw*, and Rt. Rev. *Bishop Chase*, in whose lives and characters we recognize the existence of many of the most exalted intellectual, moral and religious qualifications; therefore,

Resolved, That in the departure of the honored dead, we feel the loss of those whom we have been accustomed to regard as blessings to the world, ornaments to our country, energetic promoters and able defenders of the cause of Religion and Learning, and friends and benefactors to ourselves.

Resolved, That, though a heavy stroke has fallen upon us, it is yet our duty to submit to the will of the Most High God, whom we believe to order all things for the best; and to be warned by this visitation that we ourselves shall one day be called away, that this warning may incite us to follow in the footsteps of those whom we now lament, in the cultivation of virtue and in such improvement of our time and talents as may make us useful to our fellow men.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the surviving friends and relatives of the deceased in the great loss which it is their mournful lot to sustain.

Resolved, That in token of our respect for the memory of the deceased, the members of our Society be required to wear the customary badge of mourning for the space of thirty days.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of these Resolutions to each of the respective families of the deceased.

Resolved, That these Resolutions in full, be recorded among the minutes of the proceedings of the Society. [signed]

D. W. DRESSER.

Grace Church, Galena.

At a meeting of the vestry of Grace Church, Galena, held in Galena, Tuesday evening, October 26th, 1852, the following Resolutions were offered by the Rector and unanimously adopted.

Whereas, it hath pleased Almighty God in his wise providence to remove from the scene of his earthly labours the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., the Senior Bishop of this Diocese, therefore,

Resolved, That we as a vestry, in common with this Diocese and the Church at large, in the death of our venerable Diocesan are called to mourn the loss of one who has long been a faithful and devoted laborer in the vineyard of the Lord.

Resolved, That his long continued and self-denying labours as a pioneer of the Church at the West, and his persevering efforts in the cause of Christian education, deserve to be cherished by us in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, That we tender to the surviving relatives our sincere condolence in this their season of bereavement.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be entered upon the minutes, and a copy of them be transmitted by the clerk to the family of the deceased.

GEORGE R. SANFORD, Clerk.

St. John's Ch, Quincy.

At a special meeting of the Wardens and Vestrymen of St. John's parish, September 25, 1852, present Rev. Geo. P. Giddings, Ch'n; Wardens, F. C. Moore and Eben. Moore; Vestrymen, Henry Ashbury, Henry Allen, J. R. Hollowbush, Peter Lott, and H. H. Hoffman, it was announced by F. C. Moore, that from statements in the public papers, it appeared that our beloved and aged Bishop, the Rt. Rev. PHILANDER CHASE, D. D., departed this life on Monday the 20th September, inst., at his residence at Jubilee College, in Peoria County.

Whereupon the following Resolutions were offered by a member of the Vestry, which were unanimously adopted—and it was ordered that a copy of the same be forwarded by the Secretary, to the widow of the deceased at her residence.

And it was also ordered that the same with the proceedings of the Vestry be published in the Quincy papers.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God our Heavenly Father, to remove from the scene of his labours and trials (and as we trust to a better world) our beloved Bishop and Spiritual Father, the Rt. Rev. *Philander Chase*, D. D., and whereas, we deem it proper to express in some official manner our feelings and sentiments upon the occasion; therefore be it *Resolved*,

1st. That in the decease of Bishop Chase, through whose instrumentality and labours our Parish and Diocese were organized, we feel that we have sustained a heavy affliction and grievous loss.

2d. That we have always recognized in Bishop Chase, the true christian, the indomitable friend of the Church, and the servant of the King of kings.

3d. That though we mourn the death of our Bishop, yet we mourn not as those having no hope, believing that our loss is his gain, and that he will receive from our common Lord, the glorious welcome of "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Christ Ch, Limestone Prairie.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has seen fit in His all-wise providence to take from us our venerable and beloved chief Pastor and Father in God, the Rt. Rev. *Philander Chase*, D. D., therefore be it Resolved,

1st. That while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Most High, we would cherish a lively and grateful remembrance of the paternal kindness and faithful love which ever characterized the ministrations among us of our beloved and lamented Father in Christ.

2nd. That while we deeply feel that as with him, to live was Christ, so to die was his unspeakable gain, we cannot refrain from expressing our sense of the loss we have sustained in the removal of one who for so long a time broke unto us the bread of life, in testimony whereof, Resolved,

3d. That we will wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days.

4th. That we tender our respectful and heart-felt sympathy in their affliction to the widow and family of our late Bishop, commanding them to the abounding mercies of him who alone can comfort the mourner.

5th. That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to Mrs. Chase, and that they also be entered upon the records of this parish.

JOHN BENSON, *Off. Min.*

THOMAS WILSON,
PETER GRIFFIN,
DAN'L H. BEADEL, } *Vestrymen.*

JOHN PENNINGTON, } *Wardens.*
JAMES CLARK,

JACKSONVILLE, SEPT. 22, '52.

MRS. S. M. CHASE,

Dear Madam,

We received on the 20th inst. notice of the death of our beloved and venerated Bishop. The wardens and vestry of this parish, in session, requested me to express to you our deep sympathy in the loss which you and we have mutually sustained in that act of Divine Providence.

You have lost a husband and we our spiritual father. He was to us a father. We esteemed and loved him as such. We deeply feel and mourn with you our common loss; but we know that it was the hand of God that did it, and that it was the Lord who has taken him away from us.

This is our comfort. "I heard a voice from heaven saying, write, from henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the spirit, for they rest from their labours."

No one more eminently lived and died in the Lord; and no one more needed, and deserved the rest of heaven. Now we can feel the application to him of the words of our Saviour, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Among those who have believed in Christ, and truly lived in him, and for him, our Bishop was a distinguished example; and for that example we can heartily give thanks to God. May he help us to follow it!

The loss is ours, but who can describe the blessedness of those whose souls are with Christ the Savior, while their bodies sleep in him, waiting for the general resurrection of the dead? While we mourn with you, we can also rejoice confidently in the present happiness and honor of the deceased.

For the wardens and vestry, and for myself, permit me to offer assurance of our high regard for you, and of our prayers for your present and future happiness.

I am dear madam very respectfully and truly

Yours, &c.,

JOHN T. WORTHINGTON.

Extract from the minutes of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Evangelical Knowledge, held in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, October 6th, 1852.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of two of the Bishops present be appointed to prepare resolutions expressing the sense entertained by the Board of the loss sustained by them in the decease of the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., Senior Bishop of our Church, and the Senior Vice President of this Society.

Bishops McIlvaine and Meade were appointed. Bishop McIlvaine from the committee appointed to prepare resolutions expressing the sense entertained by the Board of the loss sustained by them in the decease of the Senior Bishop, reported the following which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That this Board reverently acknowledge, and humbly bow to the hand of Almighty God in taking away from his earthly vineyard to his heavenly kingdom his faithful servant, our late venerable and beloved Father in God, the Senior and Presiding Bishop of this Church, and the Senior Vice President of this Society, the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., late Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

Resolved, That the members of this Board entertain a deep sense, and will long preserve an affectionate and grateful remembrance of the uncommon energy, the

unconquerable diligence, the great self-devotedness and the extensive usefulness in the service of Christ, and his Church, as well as the high purity of christian character which distinguished his course as a Bishop of this Church.

Resolved, That the affectionate sympathy of this Board is respectfully tendered to the bereaved widow and children of the deceased, with an earnest prayer that the Father of all mercies may be pleased to pour into their hearts his most precious consolations.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board is hereby instructed to send a copy of these Resolutions to Mrs. Chase and family. [signed]

WM. MEADE,
CHAS. P. McILVAINE.

H. ANTHON, *Sec. pro tem.*

St. James' Ch, Zanesville, Ohio.

WHEREAS, the death of the Rt. Rev. PHILANDER CHASE, D. D., Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and Bishop of that Church in the Diocese of Illinois has been announced; and Whereas the deceased Bishop was the first Bishop of Ohio, and in that capacity was long and affectionately known in this parish as a Preacher, and for his zeal and ability in promoting the interests of Christ on earth, and extending the limits of the Church of God; therefore,

Resolved, by the wardens and vestry of St. James' Church, Zanesville, that they cherish the memory of the late Bishop Chase with affectionate veneration for his character, and heartfelt gratitude for his eminent devotedness and usefulness.

Resolved, That St. James' Church be clothed in mourning for the next four Sabbaths, in testimony of respect for the departed Bishop.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be signed by the rector, wardens and vestry, and transmitted to the venerable widow of the departed prelate with expressions of sincere and deep sympathy in her present affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the several newspapers of this city.

WM. A. SMALLWOOD, RECTOR.

J. V. Cushing,
J. T. Fracker,
Charles B. Goddard,
James Caldwell.
Lyman Little,
Isaac Dillon,
Robert Hazlett,

} *Vestry.*

JAMES CROSBY, Sen. Warden,

E. E. FILLMORE, Jun. do.

Extract from the Records of the Vestry of Christ Church, Baltimore, Md.
October 4th, 1852.

The Rector having announced the death of the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., late Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois, and Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That we have heard with feelings of profound regret of the death of, the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., Presiding Bishop of the P. E. Church; and that we deeply sympathize with the family of the venerable deceased, and

commend them to the gracious influences of the God of all comfort and consolation.

Resolved, That we regard the decease of this venerable man, so long known as the humble christian and able divine, as a most severe loss, not only to the Diocese of Illinois, but to the whole Church.

Resolved, That the Church be put in mourning for thirty days as a token of respect to the memory of the late Presiding Bishop, and that the Register send a copy of these proceedings to the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois, and have them published in one or more of the city papers.

H. A. THOMPSON, Register.

St. Paul's Ch, Cincinnati, O.

Forasmuch as the Rt. Rev. *Philander Chase*, D. D., whom it hath pleased God in His wise providence, to take out of this world, was intimately associated with the first and lamented Pastor of this parish, in the zealous missionary labours, by which the scattered sheep of Christ in this, then new and unsettled region, were gathered into one fold, under one shepherd, and afterwards was elevated to the Episcopate of this Diocese: wherein his exertions towards the extension of the Church, were crowned with abundant evidences of the Divine Blessing, in both numerical and spiritual increase of parishes, and in the devising and executing of wise and judicious measures, for the establishment and endowment of Institutions of Learning in the Church, which still exist as the monuments, alike of his zeal and discretion. Therefore,

Resolved, That while as members of the American Branch of the Holy Catholic Church, we, in common with all our brethren, are deeply afflicted by a visitation which has removed the President of its House of Bishops from the land of the living, the blow strikes nearer to us by reason of that intimate relationship of former years, in the remembrance of which fond and affecting associations cluster around many an altar in this Diocese, and many a hearth-stone in its every parish.

Resolved, likewise, that it is specially incumbent upon, and a mournful gratification to the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of this parish, to make this public expression of their affectionate remembrance and high appreciation of the ardent piety, untiring zeal, and abundant labours which signalised, from the outset, the ministrations of our venerable, departed Father in God, throughout his whole career, now ended, from the early services of his Diaconate, until, full of honours as of years, he was summoned away from the Episcopate of a second Diocese, and the Headship of a second Institution of Christian Learning, reared, by his unceasing toil in this Western land.

Ordered, that the Rector be requested to communicate these Resolutions, as an expression of our heart-felt sympathy, to the widow and family of the late Rt. Rev. *Philander Chase*, D. D., and that the Secretary take suitable measures to secure their publication in the Church, and other papers.

In behalf of the Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Paul's Church.

JOHN W. CLARK, Rector.

Resolutions passed by the Special Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island, relative to the decease of the Rt. Rev. PHILANDER CHASE, Bishop of Illinois, and Presiding Bishop of the P. E. Church in the United States.

Resolved, That this Convention has heard, with emotions of sincere sorrow, the tidings of the decease of the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., Bishop of Illinois, and Presiding Bishop of our Church; and that although the intelligence reaches us at the latest hour of our session, we cannot withhold the earnest, though brief, expression of the unfeigned esteem and reverence with which his honored name has been held by the members of this Convention; and that we cheerfully, and with thankfulness to God acknowledge the important results, which have followed his labours, both ministerial and Episcopal, during his lengthened life.

Resolved, That in the death of this aged servant of God, we mourn the departure of one of the last links which have bound the present generation to the venerated fathers of our American Church,—that we bear willing testimony to the ardor of his missionary zeal—to his persevering labours in the great cause of Christian education—and to his indefatigable devotion to the prosperity of the Church of Christ.

Resolved, That we tender our hearty sympathies to the widow and bereaved family of the deceased, and to the Diocese from which, by this sudden dispensation, he is now separated.

Resolved, That copies of these Resolutions be transmitted to the widow of the departed Bishop, to his successor in the Episcopate, and to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Illinois. [a true copy.]

Attest,

BENJAMIN WATSON,

Secretary of Con.

Convention of Louisiana.

The following Resolutions were offered by L. C. Duncan, Esq., and passed unanimous.

Resolved, That the Convention have, with profound regret, heard from the Address of our Diocesan, the death of the venerable *Philander Chase*, D. D., late Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

Resolved, That this Convention sympathize with our own Diocesan in the very appropriate and feeling tribute paid, in his Address, to the memory of the venerable man of God, whose earliest efforts in the cause of our Divine Master were first made in this city, nearly half a century since.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit a copy of the Journal, containing the Address of our Diocesan and these Resolutions, to the family of the late Diocesan of Illinois, in a letter expressive of the respectful and grateful recollections of the Church in Louisiana for the character and services of the deceased; and, also, a copy to the Convention of Illinois.

N. O. PRESTON,
Sec'y of Con.

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BRETHREN BELOVED OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY—

IN the good Providence of God, after an interval somewhat longer than the prescribed, we are permitted to assemble in our Annual Convention. We meet under circumstances which may awaken deeper emotions than usual of solemn interest, solicitude, and honest energy. The change in your Episcopal headship might, of itself, excite these. The peculiar form and ability in which it has been ministered by the strong will, self-reliant sagacity, and concentrated power of my venerable predecessor, may not only dwarf his successor, but owing to the release from an authority perhaps impatiently borne, react in forms too self-willed and incautious for our Diocesan harmony and progress. We have great need of restraining prudence and gentle wisdom in our transition state.

I, feel consciously the abrupt contrast to aims, tempers, and powers, like those which have been in exercise. I regret, and may have cause to do so more and more, that with a training which may, by God's goodness, not be without its adaptive use, there is the deficiency of the peculiar hardihood of temperament and habit, perhaps essential for a Western Diocese. The responsibility of my being here is hardly my own; and except the calm sense of needful, exactive, sacrificing duty, I know of no impulse to hold me. The high office with which it invested me, I magnify—there is none higher in its awful lineage and charge. But should the time come, when, through misfortune or fault, from strength permanently inadequate, or failure in executive ability, from the perverseness of others; or the sin of my own life, my power is manifestly unequal to your exigency—then shall I at once give back the jurisdiction, and seek in humbler and less responsible form the work of the ministry, which should end only

with life. Duty to the Church, vouched by others, sadly repudiated by my own conviction, wrung my consent. The same motive, even with the deeper sadness of shame and failure, shall be as potent for withdrawal. The Church has men fitted for her exigent need ; and, with my present convictions, it would be sin for me to cumber the office which can call and employ them. The individual is nothing—the Church is all.

It were ill-befitting the consciousness of what must on this occasion be foremost in every mind, were I to give other than the first place to the record of the honored dead. Not for eulogy—for which business paper like this has no fit place. Not for lament—from which we are shamed alike by his life and death. Not for history—for his own hand has graven that tablet. Not for household affection, which feels, but cannot speak. But for honorable mention, as the names of the living-dead were read of old at the Christian altar—as electric spark cast into the associations of each breast, of which even in their throng and tone we can find no fitter description than the patriarch's vision, “there is silence, and I heard a voice ;” for influence, which makes virtues come up like the odor of flowers, and good works as the light around us ; for monition, to remind us of accountable dying ; and for holy ambition stimulated to work ; for a consoling witness, that energy, self-denial, trust, and devotion in Christ's name and love, are not disfranchised from human sympathies ; and for the deep secret of our own grief and toil, that “there remaineth a rest for the people of God.”

The first Bishop of Illinois, in honor of the Senior Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States, closed his brave life on the 20th day of September, 1852, and left his character and deeds an accumulating legacy to the Church.

Many evidences have been given us that in the death of BISHOP CHASE, our grief is a common sorrow. The formal expressions of this have found utterance in resolutions from sister dioceses and public bodies, in Episcopal addresses and vestry resolutions. To some few of these, passing through my own hand, acknowledgment has been returned. But I would venture to suggest, whether it is not due in courtesy to the living, as well as honor to the dead, that some action on this subject should be taken by this—the first Convention since his decease—in the form, at least,

of grateful recognition ; but perhaps, also, of such collective and perpetuated record, as may gather up their united tones—the just and many-voiced tribute of the Church to your closer tie.

This age thinks well of our departed Bishop, and fair-earned eulogy is paid. Well it might, for as a lengthened tribute of this closes, “ The single heart, the energetic hand, pastoral affection, cheerful self-denial, patient industry, blameless uprightness, readiness to speak always for Christ, and his truth and love, and down to the very entrance into the shadow of death, unhesitating trust in God ; these are the elements of a character, which, whether its path be through a land of ancient cities or churches, or on the outmost verge of emigration, the minister of Christ, in whatever degree or station, may ever be exhorted to make, by faith and prayer, his own.”

But this age is not the one in which Bishop Chase’s Christian fame will be highest. It will be found eminently realized in the history of the Church, that “ his works do follow him ;” and the wise foresight and broad plans of Christian Education to which he was so devoted, will expand in clearer, truer form, for each succeeding generation.

Posterity loses sight of the delicate traits of character which make many lives so attractive to their contemporaries—so dear to their circle of intimacy. It forgets, too, the irritation and hostility which a strong individuality, acting honestly and intensely, must provoke, where not the choice so much as the forceful circumstances demand silent, unshared counsel, and concentrated, almost despotic action. Collision with the feelings, opinions, and rights of others, is almost inevitable, from the rough grandeur, intense hopefulness, keen sagacity, impatient activity, prophetic convictions, and felt consecration of such a character. The effect of this collision is transient. It is almost “ swallowed up in victory” when the good man dies. From after generations it all passes, and the colossal character stands vindicated for honor and gratitude, as the wise thinker and enduring worker, on the massive pedestal of its successful enterprise. Whether much or little of this apply to our late venerable head, I am witness, in travelling over his paths through the Diocese, what hold he had gained, alike of profound respect, and warm, confiding affection. You are witnesses to yourselves, for you knew him better far than I did, how many virtues and graces of life belonged to him worthy of rever-

ent study. We can all feel the beautiful end and the sublime simplicity of that first conscious expression, after the death-blow was upon him, " You may now order my coffin, I am glad of it," and the undimmed anticipation of his eternal peace. Death with the Bishop was an ever-present, hopeful reality. When riding with him, some months before his departure, around the ruins of the " Robin's Nest," he pointed out to me the walnut plank which he kept in readiness for his coffin. I expressed, as I felt, the hope " that they might lie long to season." " They are ready now, as I am," was the spirit of the reply. Thick and strong, that plank protects his remains in " God's acre" at Jubilee. The time, I trust, will soon come when a monument may be reared to him such as he would like best ; not the marble block to cover where they now repose, but consecrated chapel—built meet for the religious claims of his college, where we, or survivors, may reverently bear them, and the epitaph of his name be a living presence.

It is neither useful nor wise to hold up character for exact imitation. No character can be imitated safely except the Saviour's, and that, with many a necessary exception from His exalted nature and peculiar office. To imitate any man, is to rob ourselves of individuality, and be a meagre copy, without strength, grace, and adaptation to the place we are in. We may learn from all the good. We may choose what is excellent to instruct us in right and duty. We may brace ourselves by the earnestly resisted trials of others. We may guide ourselves by footmarks of the weary along the sand. But we must be in another sense alone. " I myself," the learner and the doer ! It is the glorious capacity of Divine faith that it meets this state of things. It never fails proportionably to teach, guide, and mould. It will make all alike at last in the deep type of the hidden man of the heart. But it calls up individuality, and gives it place and name for eternity. Its fruits are obedience, direct and unswerving, to God in all, the patient employment of time for improvement of mind, and discipline of heart and manners, the noble effort to sink self and exalt God, the calm reliance on a controlling Providence, the endurance of suffering as joy in tribulation, active charity and honest stewardship. Men honor the manly struggle in honoring its fruits. God blesses it with the rich jewels of the spiritual mind ; and society weeps for a light extinguished when angels receive their crowned brother.

The Church has this year had admonitory appeal in more of her high places. The Bishop of South Carolina, Dr. Christopher Edwards Gadsden, witnessed his good confession through a long illness—while the Bishop of Rhode Island was suddenly stricken in the midst of a visitation duty, which it has since been my province to take up and finish. Both illustrated in eminent degree the faith of Christ in its fruits and recompense. Beyond the melancholy record that he has gone out from us because he was not of us, I have naught to say of the sadder change in our Episcopate through him, late the Bishop of North Carolina. I can honor obedience to conscience even when it leads to, what I must count, apostacy from truth. I bow in sorrow and shame when the antecedents and issues are so foul that we take refuge in the diseased mind as a grateful explanation.

My official consent was given with hearty interest to the consecration of the Rev. Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright, D. D., D. C. L., Ox., now Provisional Bishop of New-York. My youth was spent under his pastoral charge, in Grace Church, New-York; from him I received first the Holy Communion; his name sanctioned my admission to the diaconate; I was ordained at that chancel, and preached my first sermon in his pulpit. My *first* vote as presbyter, for a Bishop, was cast for him, as successor to Bishop Hobart—and my *last* in the same order, just before my own consecration. Thus, in the interest of personal friendship, as well as by the work and sympathies of long years, I rejoice in the successful issue to the trials of that noble Diocese.

Among the clergy of our own diocese, none have died; and I know not that any member of the last Convention might not have taken a place here, as still of the Church below.

From these incidents of the general Church, to which association has given their place; I pass to the business detail of my own acts, the record of which is of canonical obligation. It seemed meet that in my first Address there should be a minuteness unnecessary hereafter. It has relation historically to the past and future.

Bishop Chase filled the Episcopate of Illinois for seventeen years. The summary of his acts (not to be computed in their labor and value by the number) is as follows, collected from the journals:—

Ordained to the Priesthood.....	7
" Diaconate.....	12
" Both.....	3—16 persons.
Consecrated	16 churches.
Baptized.....	290 infants.
".....	16 adults.
Confirmed.....	915

The state of the diocese at his decease will not differ materially from the condition it presents now, to the statistics of which I shall call your attention.

On the adjournment of the last Convention, I proceeded on the Primary visitation of the southern portion of the diocese, which had been delayed, and modified in order, owing to my long illness in the spring.

Tuesday, June 22.—I left Pekin at 2 p. m., after baptizing a child, and preached in the evening in Christ Church, Tremont, Tazewell Co. At the house of Dr. Perkins I baptized three children; and the next morning administered the communion to a sick man.

The Church here has a neat structure of wood, consecrated by Bishop Chase in 1847. There has been no election of vestry in three years; the Church is shut up, and the few Episcopalian resident there seem disinclined to make adequate exertions to obtain the services of a clergyman. By uniting with Pekin, this, to a partial extent, might be secured.

Wednesday, June 23.—From Tremont I rode to Bloomington, M'Lean Co., held service and preached in the Methodist Church. I found here several zealous Episcopalian, and am happy to say that they have recently invited the Rev. John A. Bowman, (transferred to this diocese from Wisconsin,) have organized a congregation, and are proceeding in a very encouraging manner.

Thursday and *Friday* were occupied in reaching Springfield. On *Sunday, June 25*, I preached and administered the communion in the morning; and in the afternoon preached and confirmed *three* persons.

This is one of the important parishes. It was organized by Bishop Chase in 1835. The building is of stone, 44×60 , exclusive of tower, which is 16 ft. square, on a lot 160×157 . The whole cost about \$7000. There is no incumbrance upon the property. It was consecrated by Bishop Chase in 1848—has an organ and a silver communion set, in part. There is a parsonage, but no glebe land. The pews are rented, none sold.

Monday, June 28.—By railroad to Jacksonville, Morgan Co., where I preached in the afternoon, and confirmed *ten* persons. This Church was organized August 11, 1832; corner-stone laid by Bishop Smith; consecrated by Bishop Kemper, the first, I believe, in the State of Illinois. The interior arrangement is not

convenient, while the building itself is good. At the time of my visit it was in some respects neglected, and out of repair. There is a bell and organ. The pews are free, with the exception of a prescriptive right of occupancy. The salary is raised by subscription, and is punctually paid. At the time of my visit there was no Rector. The Rev. T. N. Morrison, from Aurora, has since been called, and is now in charge.

Tuesday, June 29.—Preached at Beardstown, Cass Co., in the Congregational Church. There is no building here of our own, and the organization is almost lapse. At present, except through missionary visits, there is feeble prospect of its renewal.

Wednesday, June 30, at Rushville, Schuyler Co., preached in the Congregational Church, our own edifice being so much out of repair as not to be fit for use. I confirmed, in private, a sick woman.

Thursday, July 1.—Went on to Mount Sterling, Brown Co., had service, and preached in the Methodist House. Baptized a female adult, and an infant. There is an academy here, in which at that time an Episcopal clergyman could have advantageously engaged. I have made efforts to obtain one for the situation, and also a missionary for the three places last named, but hitherto without success.

Friday, July 2.—On my way to Quincy; stopped for dinner at Columbus, a small place in Adams Co., where I found an Episcopal family, and some property given in trust for the use of the Church when established. It is vested in trustees, two neighboring clergymen, one of whom has since left the diocese.

Saturday, July 3.—I officiated in St. John's Church, Quincy, the evening of this day, and morning and afternoon of *Sunday, July 4*, preaching on each occasion, administering the Holy Communion, on Sunday A. M. and P. M. confirming *thirteen*. In the evening I read prayers, and the Rector preached a funeral sermon for the Hon. Henry Clay.

Monday, July 5.—Preached in Zion Church, Mendon, Adams Co., and confirmed *eleven*. We have here a small wood edifice, containing eighteen pews, consecrated in 1838. It is out of debt. There are five acres of glebe land, given by the Rev. E. A. Strong, of Ohio, the title to which is vested in trustees. This place is now vacant; the Rev. John Sellwood having since removed to the diocese of South Carolina.

Tuesday, July 6.—In Warsaw I preached and confirmed *seven* persons. Efforts are making here to complete a church edifice, for which subscriptions to the amount of nearly \$500 were collected at the East, by the Rev. Mr. Childs, who took this parish as a deacon, in 1849, and has struggled faithfully for its benefit; I fear, as yet, with inadequate returns.

There is some confusion in its incorporation. It is admitted into union with the Convention, but seems to bear the name of "St. John's," as well as "St. Paul's."

Wednesday, July 7.—Returned to Quincy, having been accompanied in my visitation of Monday and Tuesday by the Rev. Mr. Giddinge. In the afternoon, with appropriate religious services, I laid the corner-stone of a new Church for the congregation of St. John's. This influential parish has been much retarded by the inconvenience of their place of worship, and it is highly gratifying to be able to report, that the new edifice is now approaching its completion, and will be ready for consecration at an early period.

Friday, July 9.—Preached and confirmed *two* in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, Pike Co. ; and on the next morning, after an early service, administered the Holy Communion. There was at the time no clergyman, but the Rev. J. T. Worthington, one of the well-known and enduring laborers of the diocese, has since taken charge of it. A convenient Church is nearly ready for consecration, 50×30 , of brick, and arrangements are in progress which will make it a missionary centre for the county. The small congregation deserve all praise for their wise zeal. They own, also, a lot 80×340 , given by the late Captain Geer, of New-York.

Sunday, July 11.—From Pittsfield I proceeded by way of the Illinois River to Alton, and officiated in St. Paul's Church, morning and evening, preaching on, both occasions, and on the former confirming *six*. The Church is a defective stone building, bought for \$1,800, from another religious body, but is not susceptible of improvement, and they are agitating the idea of a new one. It was consecrated by Bishop Chase. They have no parsonage, school-room, or endowment of any kind.

The Rev. Mr. M'Masters had just returned to them, after removing to Kentucky ; accompanied by him, I made a circuit of several parishes, occupying the following week.

On Monday, July 12, preached in the evening at Jerseyville, Jersey Co., in the Presbyterian Church. There is no organization here.

On Tuesday, July 13, preached in Methodist Church at Carrollton, Greene Co. There was a Church organized here, but it seems to have died away.

Wednesday, July 14.—Preached in the Methodist Church at Chesterfield, Macoupin Co. The congregation of St. Peter's Church was organized by Rev. J. Lloyd Johnson, of Pekin, four years ago. They have no building, but worship in the Seminary. For more than a year they have been destitute of the services of a clergyman, though willing to raise a liberal subscription for the support of one. The neighborhood is English, principally from Yorkshire.

Thursday, July 15.—Carlinville, Macoupin Co. The Church is organized here, under the name of " *St. Paul's*." They have four lots by purchase, and four contiguous by donation, very fa-

vorably situated for building. They are taking measures for doing so. I preached in the Methodist place of worship.

Friday, July 16.—Edwardsville, Madison Co.—The Church is not only organized here, but there is a good building, which cost from 1800 to 2000 dollars. At one time there were many Episcopalian, and the services were supplied by the Rev. Dr. Darrow, of Collinsville, who himself contributed largely to the building. Now they are all removed or dead except one. A young man from Western New-York kindly opened and lighted the Church for evening service, at which I preached. It is melancholy, indeed, to find useless and deserted churches in a new diocese, where the need is so urgent for places of worship. Edwardsville, I regret to say, is not the only place where this sad anomaly exists.

Episcopal service was performed for the first time in Edwardsville, in 1830, by Rev. Mr. Carson, of Connecticut. He did not, however, remain long in the State.

At Collinsville, Madison Co., I officiated morning and afternoon of Sunday, July 18. The Church here is probably not duly organized. Bishop Chase reported it under the title of "Christ Parish." It was originally organized at Marine, as "Trinity Church," for the whole county. Very kind offers have been made towards the support of a missionary at Marine and parts adjacent, where Dr. Darrow has officiated a fourth part of his time. He offered to relinquish also the missionary stipend in its favor, and I have sought earnestly, but in vain, to find a laborer for the field. The building at Collinsville is of wood, 41×25 , consecrated by Bishop Chase, and is free from debt. The Rector enjoys the confidence of all who know him; but is compelled to devote himself to an exacting medical practice. The same is the case with the esteemed Rector of St. Mark's, Chester, to which place I proceeded on Monday, by way of St. Louis, and where I arrived at midnight.

Tuesday, July 20.—Preached in the evening in the Court-house, and confirmed four. Evening prayer was read by Rev. S. G. Gassaway, of St. Louis. Again on Thursday evening I preached in the same place.

On Sunday, July 25, I preached twice. The Church building here is now ready for consecration, and I shall, with the Divine permission, perform this sacred office soon after the rising of this Convention.

It is built of brick, at an expense of three thousand dollars. There is a chancel, added at my suggestion to the plan, and a triplet memorial window of stained glass, presented by Thomas F. Cornell, Esq., of New-York. There is no glebe land. The Church lot, 300 feet in depth, will allow a convenient site for the parsonage. There is vigor and promise in the congregation, and when the building is finished, it will be probably the largest in the town.

The long stay in Chester was caused by the sickness of my

young friend and companion from New-York, WILLIAM TREDWELL CORNELL, who was taken from us on Wednesday, the night of the 28th, by dysentery, and with whose remains I proceeded on my melancholy journey, on the evening of Thursday.

Mr. Cornell had graduated the year previous at Columbia College, and intended to join the General Theological Seminary in the fall. For the improvement of his mind and health, at my invitation he became my companion in travel, sickened on his way from St. Louis, and after twelve days' illness ended his life of exemplary piety, at the age of nineteen. He was nursed with the tenderness of a child, at the house of Col. Servant, where I had been invited to stay, and to whom, in common with the bereaved family, I owe a large debt of grateful affection. Many members of the Church rendered to me in my sorrow the kindest sympathy, and effective assistance.

I left Chester on Thursday night at eleven, but the boat being detained on the passage to Louisville by fog, and getting aground, we did not arrive until the afternoon of Sunday. On the morning, at the captain's request, I held service and preached. The whole of the passengers collected in and about the ladies' cabin, and the aspect of the congregation thus assembled was peculiarly serious and attentive.

On Friday, Aug. 6, after much difficulty from the heat, I arrived in New-York, and restored the precious remains of William to his bereaved parents.

On Sunday, Aug. 8, I preached in St. Peter's, Westchester, in the neighborhood of which place my family were staying. I remained there and in New-York for some weeks, during which I continued to preach and officiate for the Rector in different ways during his absence.

Monday, Aug. 9, attended the funeral of William Cornell in St. Thomas's Church, N. Y., of which, during my Rectorship, he and his family were parishioners. His broken-hearted mother has since been laid to rest in the same vault.

Sunday, Oct. 3, I resumed my visitation in Illinois after the decease of Bishop Chase, in the vigorous and well-ordered congregation of St. James's, Chicago, where I preached, and confirmed *seventeen*, and also administered the Holy Communion.

In the evening I preached and confirmed *thirteen*, in the Swedish Church of St. Ansgarius in Chicago. The service was performed by the Rev. Gustaf Unionius, as partially translated by him. He also translated the preface in the Confirmation Office, and interpreted my address to the candidates. Mr. Unionius is now absent on a visit to his native land. It is not official, but in the course of it, he hopes to confer with the clergy of the Swedish Church, and induce them to be more watchful in directing the Swedish emigrant to the Episcopal Church in this country, as his true "household of faith."

Mr. Unionius has another charge in St. Charles', Kane Co., for which I had made an appointment, but, at his request, postponed the visitation, as the candidates for confirmation were not sufficiently instructed.

Tuesday, Oct. 5.—I visited Naperville, Dupage Co., where a Church was organized in 1850 by Rev. D. E. Brown, of Lockport. It had at that time about six families and twelve communicants, but has declined to two families. Mr. Morrison has given to it occasional services for three years past. I preached in the Congregational Church.

On Wednesday, October 6.—Preached in Court-House, Oswego. St. John's Church here was organized by Mr. Morrison, 1850. It is stronger than at Naperville.

In the evening I preached in the Congregational Church at Aurora, Kane Co. Trinity Church was organized by Rev. C. D'Wolf. The Church edifice, of brick, 35×65 , was raised to the tops of the windows, but is so much involved, as to render its completion improbable. Aurora, with the adjacent places, is now without a clergyman.

Thursday, October 7.—Preached in an upper room, called a "Temperance Hall," at Batavia, Kane Co. As far back as 1840, Bishop Chase made an organization here under a form of "Parochial Association." The same is at Geneva. It is not a corporation legally, and if holding property, ought to be re-organized. A prominent gentleman offered a lot anywhere on his property for a church. With Blackberry, Geneva, and St. Charles, this might form an important missionary station.

Sunday, Oct. 10.—Elgin, where I preached in a large public hall, and confirmed four persons. I baptized two adults, and two infants. In the afternoon I visited St. John's Church, Algonquin, and preached; the service was held in an unfinished room over a store. These places have been served during the year by Rev. John M'Keown, from the diocese of Montreal, but are now vacant.

Monday, Oct. 11.—Preached at Belvidere—where the Church was organized by Bishop Chase in 1841, and liberal subscriptions have been made for a building, aided by donations from the East. There is reason to hope that the effort will be successful.

Tuesday, Oct. 12.—Preached in Rockford, in the Baptist Church, and baptized three infants.

Thursday, Oct. 14.—Preached in the Presbyterian Church, Freeport, the Episcopal Church, since consecrated, not being then finished.

Sunday, Oct. 17.—Officiated in Grace Church, Galena—a stone building, 35×68 , with a spire. It cost six thousand dollars—is free from debt, has an organ, but no bell. There is no parsonage or glebe. The pews are sold subject to annual ground rent, and the whole income goes to the Rector. The current expen-

ses are raised by subscription. There is a Female Parochial School. The children are catechised in the Sunday School, and also in the Church once a month. The aspect of all is encouraging, the more so, because its previous state had been depressed by discord and misfortune.

I confirmed *eight*, and a sick girl in *private*.

Wednesday, October 20.—Preached in the Court-house at Sterling, Whitesides Co. There is really here no organization, and the entering on the Journal arose from some mistake, as the papers in 1847 were not received by the Convention. It deserves missionary attention.

Friday, October 22.—Consecrated St. Peter's Church, Grand Detour, Ogle Co., which had been finished some time, but was not entirely relieved from debt. This having been effected, it was thus solemnly dedicated to the service of God. It was organized April 8, 1847, by Rev. Abraham J. Warner. The Church is of stone, 34 × 45—cost 1,800 dollars. It has no bell nor organ. The pews are sold in part, and the salary is raised by subscription. The vestry-room is large, and makes a convenient Study.

Sunday, October 24.—Preached morning and afternoon for the congregation of St. Luke's Church, Dixon, Lee Co., in the Baptist Church. There seemed some promise that immediate efforts would be made to erect a Church, and Rev. Mr. Warner removed there from Grand Detour with this object. He has since, however, been called, and accepted the call, to Freeport, and nothing has yet been done at Dixon.

Monday, October 25.—Preached in the evening in the Methodist Church at Princeton, Bureau Co.

Tuesday, October 26.—Zion Church, Providence; the service was held in a school-house, where I preached and confirmed *three*. There is no village, but the Colony house stood here when the settlers came from Rhode Island; it is the parish centre. Mr. De Wolf had collected some money for the building of churches here and at Dixon, and was assigned as missionary to Bureau Co. He has since gone temporarily to New-Jersey.

Wednesday, October 27.—Passed on to Henry, Marshall Co., and preached in the Methodist Church. I was induced to visit this place by the request of a gentleman recently removed there from Virginia, whose pious exertions will, I doubt not, gather round "the Church in his own house" what will spread out into an organized and prosperous parish. On Thursday morning I administered the communion in his parlor, and baptized the child of a member of the family.

Friday, October 29.—Preached and confirmed *four* in Christ Church, Metamora. The Church owns ten lots, and has a neat structure of wood, consecrated, for which, as also for a long gratuitous service, it is deeply indebted to its honored Rector, Rev. E. B. Kellogg.

Sunday, October 31.—Christ Church, Peoria—preached administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed *six*, preaching again in the afternoon. This parish had an original organization by Rev. Palmer Dyer, under title of “St. Jude’s,” in 1834, and in the next year the Convention was held here, which gave Bishop Chase his invitation to Illinois.

Monday, November 1.—Arrived at Jubilee College, where a meeting had been called of the Trustees, who assembled on Wednesday and Thursday. I remained at the College until Sunday afternoon, November 7.

On the morning of that day I enjoyed a very interesting service in the Chapel, where I preached, confirmed *five* of the students, and a daughter of the Vice-President, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I addressed the students again after Divine Service. In the evening I preached in St. Luke’s, Kickapoo.

My next service was in Christ Church, Ottawa, where I preached and confirmed—and on the next day went to Farmridge, where I found a highly interesting congregation, who, with liberal zeal, are erecting a place of worship, now nearly ready for consecration; preached and confirmed. In addition to his effective labors here and at Ottawa, the Rev. C. F. Clarke has, through the winter, sustained services in Peru and La Salle. These places are now able to support a clergyman, and are in hopes of securing one at an early period.

Saturday, November 13.—Rode seven miles to the Sulphur Springs to confirm a dying woman, and returned in time to take the evening canal boat for Morris, Grundy Co.

Sunday, November 14.—Preached twice in Morris, where Rev. George S. Porter has for the last ten months officiated as missionary, having been transferred from Western New-York.

Monday, November 15.—Preached in a room at Joliet.

Tuesday, November 16.—Preached and confirmed *three* in St. John’s Church, Lockport, where we have a consecrated church, free from debt.

Wednesday, November 17.—Consecrated Grace Church, Chicago, on which occasion I preached.

Besides the Rector, the Rev. Messrs. Chase, Kelly, Morrison, and Unonius, took part in the service.

Friday, November 19.—Preached in Christ Church, Waukegan, Lake Co., which at the time was without a pastor, but is now satisfactorily supplied by Rev. Joseph W. Pierson.

Sunday, November 21.—Preached and confirmed *seventeen* persons in Trinity Church, Chicago.

Afternoon, preached in Grace Church, Chicago, and confirmed *seven* persons, and in the evening preached again in Trinity Church.

The following day I went to New-York. While there, besides preaching on several occasions at the invitation of the clergy, I

had the privilege of assisting the Provisional Bishop at St. John's Church, in the ordination of the Rev. Messrs. Sayres and Travis to the priesthood.

My next official service in the diocese was on Sunday, the first in Lent, *February 13*, on the morning of which day I consecrated the Church of the Atonement, Chicago, and at the same time instituted the Rev. Dudley Chase to the Rectorship. Rev. Messrs. Reighley and Kelly assisted in the services. This beautiful Church, built of the "Athens stone," at a cost of \$5000, from designs by Wells and Dudley of New-York, owes its origin and completion to the judicious efforts and self-denial of Mr. Chase; and under his faithful charge will prove, through God's goodness, a spiritual blessing to the western portion of the city.

In the evening I preached at Trinity Church.

Monday, February 14.—I laid the corner-stone of Emmanuel Church, Rockford, and made an address after prayers in the temporary place of worship occupied by that vigorous congregation. From this we proceeded, in a large procession, to the site, where proper religious service was offered.

In the evening I preached again.

Wednesday, February 16.—Had the pleasure of a second visit to Freeport, and of consecrating Zion Church, a chaste and appropriate building of plank. The Rev. Mr. Bentley had resigned the charge, but with Rev. Mr. Benedict and M'Keown took part in the religious performances of the day. A call has been given to the Rev. A. J. Warner, of Grand Detour, and he is now the Rector. Mr. Bentley renders missionary service temporarily in Grand Detour, as far as the duties of his school in Freeport allow.

On Saturday, 19, in Chicago, I examined for Deacon's orders Joseph Wheeler Pierson, late a student of the General Seminary, and transferred as a candidate from the diocese of New-York. The previous Canonical examinations had been kindly made at my request, and in my presence, by Rev. Dr. S. R. Johnson and Rev. G. T. Bedell.

There were present at the last examination Rev. Messrs. Reighley, Clarkson, and Swope.

On the evening of the same day I baptized, in the Church of St. Ansgarius, Jackson Kemper, infant of the Rector, the Rev. Gustaf Unonius.

2nd Sunday in Lent, February 20.—Held an ordination at Trinity Church, Chicago, and admitted Joseph W. Pierson to the Diaconate. The candidate was presented by Rev. Charles Reighley; Messrs. Kelly, Chase, Clarkson and Swope assisting in the offices of morning prayer and the Holy Communion. The sermon was preached by myself.

In the afternoon I preached and confirmed *eight* in the Church of the Atonement.

In the evening performed similar offices, confirming *four* in Trinity Church.

The failing health of the Bishop of Maryland, requiring a voyage to Europe, he had requested of me certain Episcopal services in the diocese during his absence. I very cheerfully consented to this duty, not only as valuable labor to myself in the experience of the Episcopate, but as a natural expression on my part of affectionate personal regard from the early days of our theological course, spent together in the General Seminary. Until the middle of July, with some intervals, I performed extended, but pleasant, visitations in the jurisdiction of my absent brother; meeting everywhere with flattering kindness, and enjoying an intercourse with clergy and laity, full of pleasant reminiscence. The detail of such services belongs to another record, and need not burden yours.

On the 29th and 30th days of July, I attended in New-York the meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and the Commencement exercises of the graduating class.

In the month of April, I received from the presiding Bishop a notice of the time of trial of the Right Rev. G. W. Doane, Bishop of New-Jersey, on presentment by the Bishops of Virginia, Ohio, and Maine, as I had, also, in due course, of the previous meeting of the Court of Bishops in October last.

Engagements in the diocese prevented my attending the first, as the meeting of this Convention obliged me to excuse myself from that now in session. These necessities have exempted me, indeed, from a painful obligation; and yet nothing less than imperative exigency should have kept me from my seat in the Court, little as I could contribute to its wisdom or diligence. There is a solemn fealty to the Church, and tender brotherhood to the accused in such a call, which take away from the humblest of us the right to withhold his presence and labor.

On Sunday, Aug. 21, I preached, confirmed *twelve*, and administered the Holy Communion in St. James' Church, Chicago. The evening of the same day I preached and confirmed *five* in Grace Church, Chicago. The Rector was absent, owing to the illness of his family, but a number of clergy assisted in the services—among whom, in addition to Dr. Smallwood, Messrs. Clarkson and Pierson, of the diocese, were Rev. Messrs. Morse, of Ohio, Freeman, of Arkansas, Gardiner of Western New-York, and M'Namara, of Missouri.

Tuesday, Aug. 23.—I consecrated the new and beautiful structure of Emmanuel Church, Rockford. The zeal, energy, and taste of this congregation merit all praise. In about six months they have completed an edifice which, in all its relative propriety, leaves nothing to desire, and nothing in the whole prospect to regret, save that the Rector, Rev. Charles Reighley, leaves the

work so ably brought to this gratifying issue, for the larger claim upon him as President of Jefferson College, Mississippi.

There were present of the clergy Dr. Smallwood, Rev. Messrs. Warner, Miller, Adams, Gardiner and Pierson.

On Wednesday, St. Bartholomew's Day, I instituted the Rev. William Augustine Smallwood, D. D., into the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Chicago—on which occasion I preached.

August 28th, 14th Sunday after Trinity, I preached, confirmed nine, (two of them from Germantown, presented by Rev. Dr. Niglas,) and administered the communion in Christ Church, Limestone Prairie. The neat stone church in the midst of the burial-ground, with the residence of the pastor, have an attractive English look. The Church was aided by funds from England, and among the names of contributors are the late Queen Adelaide and Lord Kenyon.

In the afternoon of the same day I preached in St. Luke's Church, Kickapoo, assisted in the services by the Rev. Dr. Chase, whom I accompanied the same evening to Jubilee College.

At this Institution I remained until Saturday morning, engaged in its affairs, and presiding, while there, at the second meeting of its Board of Trustees. The time is scarce come for a full report of its state and prospects, not because these are not vigorous and encouraging—for on that point I could speak with earnest satisfaction—but because plans of promise are yet incomplete, and results of large aim and hope yet too contingent to be minutely detailed. The college, with its noble domain, has safely passed into the hands of its permanent administration. It is the property of the Church, and will be a rich source of power and blessing to her, I firmly believe, for long years. It should be cherished closer to the heart of the diocese, and meet a more open hand of contribution to the present need of extending utility.

Yesterday, the 15th Sunday after Trinity, in the church in which we are now assembled, were held the opening services of the Convention. My tribute to these was the sermon of the morning, and the services of the Holy Communion, and the ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev. JOHN BENSON, Rector of Christ Church, Limestone Prairie. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Chase, who, with the Rev. E. W. Kellogg, assisted me in his examination the day previous.

In the afternoon, I administered the rite of confirmation to *seven* persons, one of them being from the congregation in Bloomington.

Having thus presented the minute statement of my Episcopal visits, I proceed to lay before you such statistics as may be useful for an accurate view of the condition of the Diocese, in order to guide present action, or for reference hereafter.

The Diocese of Illinois, conterminous with the State, contains sixty-four thousand square miles, and a population of nearly one million; one-tenth of whom, it is stated, are Germans, and one-tenth of these resident in the city of Chicago.

There are ninety counties in the State. Episcopal service is held, and organizations are, or have been, in thirty-five of these counties, involving more than half the population.

There is a portion of the State, comprising many contiguous counties in Southern Illinois, between the Wabash and Mississippi, covering over twenty-five hundred square miles, in which there is not a single Episcopal clergyman.

There are, or have been, in the diocese, fifty-six organized Churches; thirty of these parishes have church edifices either completed or in progress; those consecrated (and all are consecrated that are completed) are free from debt; three of them, however, are closed and unused.

Of the parishes incorporated, thirty-seven have regular or occasional ministerial services, and among those thus supplied, eleven have no place of worship belonging to them.

Ten of the organized parishes have either died out, having no material for proper officers, or are so imperfect as scarcely to amount to a legal existence; while the balance of *nine* are very weak, and at present with little beyond a nominal corporate being.

The number of clergymen in the diocese is thirty-seven; entitled to seats in the Convention, thirty; not entitled to seats, five; not transferred, two.

Supported as Rectors in single parishes, of which the salary is four hundred dollars and upwards, twelve. Two officiating ministers support themselves on farms. There are ten missionaries of the Board, the stipend of each one hundred and thirty dollars, and five diocesan missionaries, to whom is given one hundred dollars per annum. Of the missionaries, two are practising physicians, and three engaged in instruction. Of the clergy not entitled to seats, two are absent; one is a physician, one a farmer—one lately without charge. The aggregate amount paid for missionary services is—

From the Board,	\$1,300 00
From the Diocese,	114 20
From friends in New-York through myself, . . .	385 00
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	\$1,799 20

Some of this last amount is the gift of personal friends, who would hardly allow me to make formal mention of their names, but among benefactions I may with propriety gratefully record—

From St. Luke's Church, Rochester, for Sunday Schools,	\$25
From the Church of the Holy Communion, N. Y., . . .	100
For the purchase and distribution of Bibles, from the Female	
Bible Society of Philadelphia,	50
The Church of the Ascension, New-York, gave of their an-	
annual missionary collection,	\$300

This sum being intended, if practicable, for an itinerant in the more destitute part of the State, I have left it for the present in the hands of the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee.

From the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society of New-York I have received the bounteous supply of five hundred Prayer Books; and this kindness, I trust, will be reciprocated by collections in our churches. By the hands of Thomas N. Stanford, Esq., three ten dollar Sunday School Libraries, which I distributed to Elgin, Rockford, and Morris. To aid congregations in finishing churches, I have given from the donations of friends, *four hundred and fifty dollars.*

The Rev. Philander Chase, during the life-time of his venerable father, proposed, with certain other liberal adjuncts, to deed in trust, "to the Bishop and his successors," forty acres of land, to be selected from the tract where he resides, called Arcadia, provided he could be assisted in putting up a school-house or chapel thereon, and where, on Sundays, he could officiate. I ventured to present the object to my generous friend, J. H. Contoit, Esq., of New-York, who at once vested me with \$500 for the object. I had before appropriated to it \$100, and I trust the enterprise will be now completed. If laborious sacrifice on the part of the reverend donor of the land can do it, we have hereditary and personal security for the gratifying fulfilment.

Four clergymen of the diocese have been assisted effectively in clothing for themselves and families; in which wise charity St. George's Church, Astoria, L. I., and St. Thomas' Church, New-York, have furnished the industry and contributions. From the former, in addition, I received two surplices, which I presented to two churches in the diocese. These united benefactions, which I owe to personal friendship and sympathy, amount, in the aggregate, to about *two thousand dollars.*

The changes among the clergymen of the diocese: Dimissory letters have been given—

- 1.—The Rev. J. Lloyd Johnson, Missionary at Pekin, addressed to the Bishop of Louisiana, January, 1853.
- 2.—For the Rev. John Sellwood, Mendon, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina, there being at the time a vacancy in the Episcopate.

The following Dimissory Letters have been received:

- 1.—Rev. Orrin Miller, residing at Bonus Prairie, and officiating in the neighborhood; and
- 2.—Rev. George S. Porter, Missionary at Morris, Grundy Co., both from the Bishop of Western New-York, October, 1852.
- 3.—Rev. John Benson, deacon, Limestone Prairie, from the Bishop of Louisiana, January, 1853.
- 4.—Rev. John A. Bowman, deacon, officiating at Bloomington, from Bishop Kemper, June 25.

- 5.—Rev. William A. Smallwood, Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago, from the Bishop of Ohio, August 12, 1853.
- 6.—Rev. Joseph Wheeler Pierson, Waukegan, transferred as a candidate for orders, by the Provisional Bishop of New-York.
- 7.—Rev. John McKeown, deacon, from the Diocese of Montreal, C. E., on a certificate of character from certain clergymen of that diocese, rectified by the Bishop, and by his lordship sent to me.

There were circumstances in this case which induced me to treat this as a letter of dismission, although aware of the serious irregularity in which the whole matter was involved, and Mr. McKeown has been officiating until recently as missionary at Elgin and Algonquin.

The changes of pastoral relation among the clergy of the diocese are as follows :

- 1.—Rev. James Bentley has resigned Zion Church, Freeport, and is now acting as missionary at Grand Detour.
- 2.—Rev. Philander Chase, residing in Arcadia, and officiating in Princeton, Farmington, &c.
- 3.—Rev. William Clotworthy has resigned the charge at Pre-emption Prairie, and become Rector of St. John's, Albion.
- 4.—Rev. T. N. Morrison has left Aurora, and is Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville.
- 5.—Rev. Charles Reighley is now Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rockford.
- 6.—Rev. A. J. Warner, missionary at Grand Detour, has succeeded Mr. Bentley at Zion Church, Freeport.
7. Rev. J. T. Worthington is Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, and missionary for parts adjacent.

There are two candidates for Holy Orders :

David Walker Dresser.
Charles Minkler Tayler.

The following vacancies exist, viz. :

- 1.—Aurora, Kane Co., with Geneva, Oswego, Naperville.
- 2.—Algonquin, with M'Henry Co.
- 3.—Chesterfield, Carlinville, Macoupin Co.
- 4.—Marine, Madison Co.
- 5.—Mendon and Chili, Adams Co.
- 6.—Peru and La Salle, La Salle Co.
- 7.—Pekin and Tremont, &c., Tazewell Co.
- 8.—Pre-emption Prairie.
- 9.—Providence and Bureau Co.
- 10.—Rushville, Mount Sterling, &c., Brown Co.

This is all missionary ground, but judging from the facts before me, could raise for a clergyman in each place as numbered, with an average assistance of \$150 missionary stipend, *four hundred dollars per annum.*

There are *three* places of growing importance where the Church could advantageously be planted; and I have divided the more destitute part of the diocese into *six districts for Itinerant service*, neither containing less than twenty thousand inhabitants, three thousand dwellings, nor covering less than four counties. I advert to the fact, however, more as illustrative of work and need, than with any hope of finding men or means for such an undertaking.

If, indeed, some wealthy churchman or congregation would adopt one of these "Districts," nominating for the same a competent laborer, who for a year or two could unite the colporteur system with the offices of the ministry, it would not only be a precious boon to the "scattered abroad," but would tell powerfully in its returns of intelligence and sympathy, on the missionary spirit of the benefactors.

It is proper to subjoin the following "Notices," received by me from other dioceses:

July 20, 1852.—From the Bishop of Mississippi, of the displacement from the ministry of William P. C. Johnson, Presbyter.

July 22, 1852.—From the ecclesiastical authority of New-York, that William Grant Heyer, and Peter Y. Burchan, have been deposed from the ministry, pursuant to Canon V., 1850.

Nov. 17, 1852.—From the Bishop of Massachusetts, of deposition from the ministry of Rev. F. W. Pollard, for causes not affecting his moral character.

Jan. 10, 1853.—From the Bishop of Mississippi, Robert G. Hays, deposed from the ministry for causes not affecting his moral character, under Canon V., 1850.

Jan. 28.—From the Bishop of Kentucky, deposition of Rev. William C. Lewis, M. D., residing in New-York, for causes not affecting his moral character.

Jan. 29.—From the Provisional Bishop of New-York, deposition of Norman C. Stoughton, a Presbyter, in conformity with Canon V., 1850.

Summary of Statistics.

Parishes.—Organized	56
" With services.....	37
" Feeble or extinct	19
" Church edifices.....	30
" Vacancies.....	9
Clergy.—Whole number.....	37
" Entitled to seats.....	29
" Rectors of self-supporting parishes.....	12
" Missionaries of Board.....	10
" Diocesan.....	5
" Dismissed to other Dioceses.....	2
" Received from —.....	9
Funds.—Missionary contribution in Diocese.....	\$114 20
" From Domestic Committee.....	1,300 00
" From gifts, through the Bishop, about.....	2,000 00
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	\$3,414 20

Summary of my Episcopal Services in Illinois since the Convention of 1852.

I have visited 67 churches and stations. This comprehends the whole Diocese, except two remote places. In some few I have officiated twice and three times during the year.

Preached in the course of these visitations.....	87
Other addresses.....	31—118
Administered Baptism to 5 adults and 33 infants.....	38
Some of these latter out of the Diocese.	
Holy Communion, 18 times in public, in private once.....	19
Confirmed 31 times—whole number.....	230
Ordained one Deacon, Joseph Wheeler Pierson.	
" " Priest, Rev. John Benson.	2
Consecrated five churches—St. Peter's, Grand Detour; Grace Church, Chicago; Church of Atonement, Chicago; Zion Church, Freeport; Emmanuel Church, Rockford.	
Laid corner-stone of two Churches—St. John's, Quincy; Emmanuel Church, Rockford.	
Instituted two Rectors—Rev. Dudley Chase, Rev. William Augustine Smallwood, D. D.	
In places other than in the Dioceses of Illinois and Maryland,	

I have preached besides, *twenty-one times*, and administered the Holy Communion *seven times*.

Summary of all my Episcopal Acts during the past year.

Visited 122 churches and chapels.

Preached 165

Missionary and Confirmation addresses 66—231

Baptized 6 adults and 33 infants—whole number..... 39

Holy Communion, 48 times.

Confirmed 78 times—832.

Ordained 3 Deacons and 1 Priest.

Consecrated 10 churches.

Laid corner-stones of 4 churches.

Instituted 3 Rectors.

Funerals, 9. Marriages, 2.

Distance travelled, 13,683 miles.

And now, brethren, I beg farther to tax your patience, and commend to your serious revisory thought the plans and suggestions which my observation and reflection have prompted.

The great anxiety, in which you must largely participate, in feeling and work, is—*First*, To sustain and strengthen the weak parishes, or missionary stations of the Diocese; and, *Secondly*, To press the Church aggressively on her blessed commission to the parts of the State where she is unfelt, and towards which the cry of her scattered sons, or the social advance of a busy multitude, are inviting her.

Hitherto the necessity of the case has obliged the Bishop to carry, almost unshared, the burden of piteous need, which he could not relieve, and forward works he was too weak to sustain. The Diocese has done next to nothing for her missionary work. Much could not be done for others when each parish was struggling almost in mendicity itself; and thus the “old man,” from his watch-tower, has been coerced to send out “voices of the night,” the beseeching claim on the almonry of distant friends, —many distant, even by the broad Atlantic. It might happen, in this condition, that the cry of the lone heart of the Western Bishop would appear too importunate for the pre-occupied ear of indulgent wealth; and the administration too self-willed for some

who would fain have shared it. The time has now come when change in this respect is required. For the pathetic appeal which has for years gone out over the Church, like notes of the distant dead march, I have no voice ; while the bow of Ulysses cannot be drawn by my weaker hand. There must be more reliance on our own growing resources—more energy in calling them forth—more systematic provision for annual wants—a definite plan on which the gratuity shall be dispensed, as well as collected—and an administration in which the representative action of the Convention sustains a responsible and official part.

Permit me to suggest some general views on these subjects, though in regret, that in this cramped space, I cannot adequately explain or commend them :—

First,—On what is broadly called the MISSIONARY WORK. I have been long convinced, and have before uttered the conviction, that we do not sufficiently discriminate the MISSIONARY. I conceive this difference to be fundamental, and am satisfied, that if we better understood the office, we should feel more deeply for the work. There is a great distinction between the *Missionary* and the *Pastor*. It may be told in a word, as the Missionary is the one *sent*, the Pastor is the one *called*. The missionary enterprise represents the free aggressive, diffusive spirit of the Church. It relies upon her great central vitality. It embodies her full commission, “Go ye into all the world.” It is the same whether it be the whole Church of the United States acting to diffuse the Gospel in heathenism or at home ; or whether it be the Bishop of a Diocese, with its authority and aid, diffusing it far or near, within his jurisdiction.

Serious loss has come from confounding the two states, giving the name of Missionary to the Pastor of a little church, because it was too weak to sustain him, while it exacted all his labor, more wearying often than a field ten times as large, and shutting him in a circle of influence narrow and stifling. I would have the missionary a separate office. *The man sent*—sent in the love and power of the Church, supported by her, cheered and sustained by her ; feeling to some extent his independence of the world, and his dependence on her true heart and conscience. He should go provided for to his appointed place, so that the Church may ask, as her Head asked of the first missionaries, with the sure response—“Lacked ye anything” of what was promised ? In

such circumstances, he can act strongly and faithfully ; press the pecuniary support of the Church and her institutions as a cardinal duty, without having his cheek flush or his tongue falter for fear it may be taken as begging for himself, or abridge his own scanty maintenance.

In any action, then, on this subject, I would recommend the separation of these, so that the aid of the weak and struggling parishes, the most important and pressing claim, should receive its appropriate and distinct attention as Pastoral aid ; while the Missionary aid should be extended to places and districts where the Church does not assume an organization, and while under missionary agency, should not be allowed to do so, or seek through corporate existence a place in this Convention. A control would be exerted by this means over the hasty formation of parishes where material does not properly exist, and which, when admitted into union with the Convention, stand, after a few years, " the shadow of a name."

The formation of parishes, and what practically is almost identical, the admission into union with the Convention, is a matter which involves the rights and interests of the whole Diocese, and the general Church. It should be under stronger guard against transient and mistaken feeling, creating what may be a mere nominal existence in the great work of the Church, and yet a component power, on the level of equality, in our Convention.

Next, to the support of the ministry, and most closely identified with it, is the BUILDING OF CHURCHES. Without reciting the reasons explaining and justifying such a state of things, it may be assumed, that this can only be done, in the majority of cases, through large assistance derived from the wealthier Dioceses. Our natural resources, as a State, are indeed great, but they are undeveloped ; money is scarce, and demand for capital, in all departments, very pressing. Social advance and prosperity, for a time at least, increase the difficulty. Application for aid outside of our Diocese is unavoidable. This has been, and must continue to be made ; but, heretofore, it has been done in a mode open to some serious objections, and less effective than it ought to be. The minister, often the missionary, is selected as an agent to go and collect funds for a church edifice. He leaves for that work his appro-

priate duties ; expends a large amount of time and money for travel—is subjected to much that is painful to a sensitive mind—meets not unfrequently with disappointment and failure—finds success abated by a heavy discount of expense and feeling, and returns with the result of his toil to find, sometimes, that he is deemed competent to beg for a struggling parish, but not popular enough to fill its pews when the church is built. There is defect of judgment in the plans of churches, and in the whole enterprise of their erection, running, in some instances, to waste and dishonor. Convinced that the present mode is wasteful and inadequate—wanting in economy, concentration, system, and amount—I would suggest, whether something could not be done to improve it by the action of the Convention. Suppose that all proposals to erect churches during the year, where foreign aid was to be evoked, should be brought before a committee appointed for the purpose by this body, with plans, if the parish had adopted any, or asking the suggesting or procuring of plans, if they had not; that such application should be weighed and examined, with proper information furnished of each case, so that there could be no reasonable room for failure or disappointment; and that then, they should be all intrusted to a special agent, under the careful recommendation of the Bishop and committee, authorized to collect funds to a given amount, to build so many designated churches in the Diocese of Illinois, where donors could select the special case, or give at their pleasure, to the collective sum required; and that no applications, other than those thus made up for the current year, should be allowed under the sanction of the Bishop or individual clergy. There would be, I think, a security in some such plan, and a systematic result, an economy in collecting, and a safety in disbursing, which might awaken a generous reflective response to the appeal, and secure a declared and palpable success, as some recompense to the now often disappointed donors.

Accessory to these great objects of Pastoral aid, Missionaries and Church Building, is the **DEPARTMENT OF BOOKS AND TRACTS**,—the provision of Bibles, Common Prayer Books, Tracts, Sunday School books for library and instruction.

I therefore venture to suggest to the Convention, whether a Canon might not be framed, under some general title like that "*Of*

the Maintenance and Extension of Religious Worship and Instruction," providing for the election by this body, annually, of a committee deriving their general name from the Canon, and divided by its provisions into the several departments, or distinct objects included under the title. This Canon should involve the obligation of systematic collection in all the churches. The plan of weekly offerings is worthy of great consideration; but if not deemed expedient to enforce such a regulation, a monthly collection in each church might be prescribed for the purposes specified in the Canon.

• For the first portion of this work there is now the "*Diocesan Missionary Association,*" (established by the Convention of 1846,) which is composed of the clerical members of this Convention, and such of the laity as shall contribute the sum of five dollars annually. There would not be time during this session, to draft and discuss such a Canon as might be requisite, but the matter may be intrusted to a committee to report at the next annual meeting. I know of no detriment from the delay,—if the churches are hearty and united in contributing to the Diocesan Missionary Association, the action of which, for the present, may be made commensurate with our need.

Not for the first time is another topic of importance mentioned in the hearing of the Convention. No man could be more sensible than my venerable predecessor, to the prospective value of **ENDOWMENTS IN LAND** to the Church and her Institutions, as well as the duty imposed on this generation to appreciate and secure such inheritance for the coming. Wisely did he act on this sagacious forecasting.

The most propitious time for securing such gratuities may, in many points, have passed, and we can only lament that we have forfeited the obvious privilege. But the opportunity is not barred everywhere; and even now, when land has risen so highly in price, when for sale or productive use its value is so enhanced, still an immense advantage might be obtained for our Church if each clergyman, or influential layman, would make effort after gifts of this character, for church lots or parsonages, glebe land, or endowment for the parish from revenue derived from that which might be too far for parochial occupation. Non-resident owners acknowledge the claim upon them to contribute in this

way to the well-being of places in which their interest lies ; and many a religious man would welcome the occasion whose means, perhaps, would not allow the gift of money.

Deeds are valid in trust "to the Bishop and his successors in office," and any donation can be thus secured when no incorporated church exists in the locality competent to receive and hold it.

The mode of securing such endowments may vary ; towards the effort to obtain them in every parish, or other locality, for the prospective use of the Church, I beg earnestly to bespeak your prompt personal exertions.

Provision for the SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE might seem to be a topic it were more delicate to leave to the spontaneous movement of the diocese, than urge myself. As far as concerns any immediate personal interest, there, in silence I should leave it ; but the long future is before me, when I shall have ceased to be the incumbent of the office ; and I cannot reconcile it with wise foresight, and honest duty, to forbear pressing the subject of the EPISCOPATE FUND, in connection with a plan which promises to relieve the diocese from the burden of an unpopular annual collection, leave the resources of the parishes free for missionary and parochial claims, and provide for my successors a competent support. It depends for its successful application on a state of things which may so far change as to render it less available, if not entirely inapplicable. If executed at all, it ought to be completed at once. The original suggestion comes from a legal gentleman of the diocese, with whom my intercourse has renewed that of the far past in our College life ; and has been, in substance, diffused in a circular by the Trustees of the Episcopate Fund.

It is the application of Life Insurance to the raising of a large endowment. And I believe it can be thus safely applied, so that the benevolent may have the satisfaction of seeing, by their means, the fund at once created, of accomplishing all the good of a free gift, and yet, in the end, neither give nor lose anything from their estates.

Placing the amount of the Fund at *thirty thousand dollars*, it is proposed that it shall be raised by thirty individuals contributing one thousand each (or sixty persons, five hundred dollars on the same principle). That the said sum of thirty thousand dollars shall be safely invested (as it may be), on bond and mort-

gage, at ten per cent. per annum, and that the principal and interest be pledged to pay to each contributor, semi-annually, the premium on *fifteen hundred dollars*, for which amount he may insure his life in any office he chooses. This will render certain to the donor the return to his estate of the amount of his original gift, with the accumulated interest; while the difference between *four* per cent. (the average rate of insurance premium), and *ten* per cent. of interest from the investment, will leave a balance of present support for the Episcopate. On the expiration of the insured lives the whole fund remains for the use of the Diocese.

If the contribution of a thousand dollars, instead of being that of an individual for his own account, should be collected by voluntary gifts in a large congregation, then through it the Rector's life could be insured for fifteen hundred, and his family, to this extent, provided for. The result might be brought about, if the whole were raised in this manner, that a collection of a thousand dollars each, in thirty congregations of our country, would not only endow the Episcopate Fund of Illinois, but provide forty-five thousand dollars besides, of resource for the families of thirty clergymen over our land.

If the subject were carefully explained by an intelligent agent, it seems to me that it could not fail of being favorably received by the thoughtful and benevolent in our communion, to whom God has given the means of assisting his Church.

Confident, as I am, of the integrity of the plan, and the safety of its results, I could not allow any personal delicacy to prevent my giving to it the sanction and currency which my official position allows, and I trust the Convention will institute inquiry, to satisfy itself of the soundness of the statements, and the propriety of energetic endeavor to make it reality.

In addition to the matters directly in charge of this Convention, there is one which, although it does not necessarily claim their action, it is obviously most proper to present.

It is the **PLAN AND PURPOSE OF A BISHOP'S CHURCH AND RESIDENCE IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO**, intended to embrace, in its foundation, a church, the seats of which shall be for ever open and free, for the perpetual use of myself and successors in office, with such a staff of clergy as may be competent to conduct its daily and Sunday services, its charitable, educational, and missionary

relations, to comprehend a school or schools for Christian education, the training in part, at least, of the candidates for the ministry, missionary effort in the city, or through neighboring destitute parts, as means of communication may allow. In connection with, and adjoining this, I propose to build a house for myself, adaptive, also, to be the future residence of the Bishops of the diocese, and give to the Church the privilege of purchasing it at cost for ten years.

Some progress has been made in this undertaking. By the subscription of a few gentlemen in Chicago, very valuable lots have been deeded for these purposes, which may now be estimated as worth thirty thousand dollars. Plans have been prepared by an architect of talent and Christian zeal, and sufficient statutory provision obtained, legally to vest the title of the present land, and all other endowments, in the "Bishop of Illinois and his successors in office."

At this stage, where enough has been done to give definite form to the plan, and some confidence to its progressive execution, and before we have gone too far to recede without loss, or abandon it without reproach, it seems proper to spread it before you, the representative council of the Diocese, without whose hearty appreciation, patient confidence, and approving shield for myself I should feel reluctant to proceed farther.

On my consecration to the Episcopate, I was also elected to the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Chicago, with a liberal salary. After my first visit to the Diocese, from local as well as general reasons, I thought it expedient to resign the pastoral charge, and did so, at an early period, expressing to the last Convention this purpose.

That our Bishops should in any case be Rectors of churches, elected by and under the control of the vestries of the same, is an arrangement more the dictate of the necessity for maintenance, than the choice either of the incumbent or the Diocese;—all, at the earliest period, express the importance of releasing the Bishop from a parochial charge. But this leaves the Diocesan without any definite place for the exercise of his inherent pastoral office. He should have a church of his own, under his own control, of which he is *ex virtute officii*, the pastoral head, in the services and accessories of which he may be able to bring into demonstrative action what belongs essentially to his office as

chief pastor of the Diocese. There, he is, in an especial manner, the representative of the Church of Christ, where he ministers, not as the parish priest, but to all who may choose freely to come—where open seats and free, frequent and varied services, the performance of them in the most decent and solemn manner, a sufficient company of assistant ministers, connecting with it educational, missionary, and charitable objects—make palpable the working spirit of the Church, associated with that appointed Headship, in its best definition, “servant of all.”

It is obvious enough, that great difficulty surrounds such an undertaking. While primitive as Diocesan Episcopacy itself, it must incur the reproach of novelty. Lying at the very foundation of the Church’s effective polity, it may be accounted awkwardly extrinsic to it. While instinct with practical economy and thrifty utility, it may be suspected of being merely a luxurious fancy and hazardous waste.

And even, if every difficulty were answered, and plan, spirit, utility, beauty, and holy power, were sufficiently vindicated, then comes the grand obstacle of all—Where can the means be found for the erection of such a church, or reliance be prudently cast for its support?

To this I can only answer, that until the trial has been made, we cannot assume that there are not many among the reflective churchmen of our country who, for the sake of principle and example, would vigorously further such a religious establishment; where the investment would be inalienable from the purposes of its founders, the Headship certain in the succession of the Episcopate, which was capable of expanding to any legitimate measure of religious and eleemosynary demands, placing a free church effectively in a large city, forming a centre for missionary activity, a home for the sympathy, and a standard for the practices of the Diocese.

We can try. If it fail, as fail, indeed, it easily may, in my hands, something has still been gained. It is something to put before the eye and heart of the Church a great and true object. It is help to the future, if we get no farther than the project. It may be taken up by other parts of the Church which feel stronger to execute it, and by cities more sagacious in appreciating the benefaction.

Such is the outline of the object, strictly adaptive to the exigencies of the Church, in practical simplicity, economy, and effi-

ciency, which I deem of sterling interest to the long future of the Diocese of Illinois.

I have suspended my own domestic plans, until I could fairly understand what the prospect was of combining them with the usefulness, comfort, and dignity of my successors. For myself, the undertaking must bring labour, responsibility, and expense. It gives a wide expanse to the anxieties of the remainder of my life, but it has appeared to me to be one of the forms in which I could most effectively serve the permanent interests of the Diocese and Church at large. I am willing to make some effort to attain it, to do what can be done for it in this form, or modify it if necessity require—provided the hearty and patient confidence of the Diocese is with the work, and the Convention will sanction the longer delay which may occur in providing for myself a suitable home within the bounds of my jurisdiction. And though my own convictions on the subject of the application of the primitive Cathedral System will probably remain unchanged, I shall prefer to guide myself in harmony even with the adverse silence of the clergy and laity, rather than persevere in an enterprise uncheered by their judgment and sympathy.

From these successive topics, which are designed to lead your deliberations, I pass in conclusion to a brief word on what lies deeper than legislation can reach, and which the grace of God can alone effectually awaken and control—the temper and aim which, as ministers and laymen, we should faithfully make our inward life. I may sum it all in two words—**LOVE** and **WORK**. Distinct as they may be in the dictionary of language, they are synonymous in the unvoiced vocabulary of the “inner man.” **WORK** almost spontaneous where Christian love dwells, as odor from flower, light or heat from the altar-fire. **LOVE** through *work*, learning that it exists, assuring itself, rejoicing in hope, purifying itself from the selfish, and likening to the heavenly, casting out fear, and rising in godlikeness, more lasting than faith, more rainbow than hope—even charity.

The necessity for such temper is not lessened because in the times there is so much to endanger our Christian confidence and fellowship, to call us to controversy for the faith, to exact a keener watchfulness against doctrinal error, to grieve us by treacherous recreancy, to perplex by opposite opinions and practices, so much to excite suspicion and acrimony, and of neces-

sity abate all high-souled, large-hearted work. We may have to admit that just when there is the most to do, the Church is in an unfavorable temper to appreciate or execute it; that at the very time when evils gigantic, and foes in consolidate strength, are seen to the farthest horizon from the Church watch-towers, with which in aggressive power she should grapple, are we most crippled and down-hearted, lavishly wasting our strength on intestine differences, or in sulky isolation. There may be such a state of things. There is too much justification for the foreboding. There is more than enough to make seasonable the appeal for loving active goodness in us all, to give it larger ascendancy over the purposes, actions, and sacrifices of our life. This is not an impulse, but a steady, self-denying principle, which calls up reason and judgment to think and control, self-discipline to prepare the means, self-sacrifice to procure and increase them, manly perseverance to breast the difficulty, patience to endure the discouragements, watchfulness to seize the favorable occasions, and a devotional temper to save us from self-neglect while attending to others, from spiritual pride in success, hardness of heart and eventual weariness in well-doing." The work is first inward and personal—in the discipline of tempers—the purifying of the heart, an honor of men, a love for souls, a zeal according to knowledge, a deep humility, and the unfeigned prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit for direction, restraint, influence and success. If the inward and habitual goodness is rightly estimated, and the soul held in this constant exercise, sensibility, and vigor, the specific action is almost spontaneous, and the character of it falls involuntarily into that lovely "guile" which the apostle names—so prompt and yet delicate—so faithful, yet modest—so energetic and uncompromising, yet so tender and subduing—which, though indeed rare, carries with it, when it does exist, a force from its transparent uprightness, its fervent consecration, its tireless activity, to which the coldest yield the tribute of confidence and praise.

The great objects before such a soul will be to reclaim from sin and vice—to attract into the ways of learning and impression—to mitigate and relieve suffering of every kind—to illustrate religion in effective sympathy with human trials—to have the cross understood and appreciated—and to sustain the honor and efficiency of the Church of God, with all its institutions, as the great appointed power and means of human deliverance, comfort,

happiness, and glory. To this Love and Work we all stand pledged—some in the deep vows of ministry—others by the good confession before many witnesses. In furtherance of them, we avowedly gather in the sanctuary of God, in this Annual Convention. We counsel to make others better and happier, to extend religion, and commend the Church of Christ. It is a labor of love, and claims hearts of sanctity. There must be frank and cordial fellowship, singleness of purpose, kind tempers, and steady eye to the glory of God, “speaking the truth in love, and showing out of a good conversation the works in meekness of wisdom.” The due restraint and the broad action have both their deep spring in loving much because much has been forgiven ; they are guided by the will and example of God the Saviour, and the doing good is thus identified with the great “recompense of reward” in the home of promise.



Reports of Committees

ON SEVERAL PORTIONS OF THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

REPORT FIRST.

THE Committee appointed to report upon that portion of the Bishop's Address which relates to the decease of our late venerable Diocesan, the Right Rev. Philander Chase, D.D., beg to express their most cordial concurrence with the universal declaration throughout the United States, of sorrow for his removal from among us—and also their admiration alike of the eloquent manner and affectionate spirit of that part of the Bishop's Address devoted to the memory of the illustrious dead.

It may be sufficient for this Committee to say that throughout the Church there are few individual members of it who have not either felt personally bound to him by the ties of Christian amity and veneration, or been cherished and encouraged by his parental influence and effective zeal. "He walked with God and was not, for God took him." Yet the Church still lives, and in God's mercy shall never be consumed.

The glory, humanly speaking, of the first extension of her borders into the Diocese of Ohio and Illinois, we gratefully ascribe to the untiring industry, pious zeal, and indomitable energy of this deceased father of our Apostolic Church, and feel assured that so long as the memory of her mighty dead shall be recorded, *his* will not be without that honor, that God inspires towards those who have watched for our souls, and have borne over us that rule which God's word has appointed for our eternal benefit.

Your Committee respectfully report the following resolutions for adoption :

Resolved, That in the death of our late venerable Diocesan, the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., we mourn the departure of one of the last links which have bound the present generation to the venerated fathers of our American Church. That we bear willing testimony to the ardor of his missionary zeal—to his persevering labors in the great cause of Christian Education, and to his indefatigable devotion to the prosperity of the Church of Christ.

Resolved, That this Convention record with the most profound emotion, this expression of its high appreciation of the Christian character and ser-

vices of the departed, and tender our hearty sympathies to his widow and bereaved family.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention be requested to place in a suitable part of the Journal, the several testimonials of respect to the memory of Bishop Chase, that have been adopted in our own Diocese, or in other Dioceses.

THEODORE N. MORRISON,
SAMUEL CHASE,
W. C. HOBBS.

On motion, The several resolutions were unanimously adopted ; and on suggestion of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, the Convention, in token of respect, voted upon the same in a standing posture.

REPORT SECOND.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to Missions and Churches, beg leave to report that they heartily approve of his suggestions, and would move that a Committee be appointed to draft such a Canon on Missions and Churches, to present at the next meeting of this Convention ; and till the passage of such a Canon, they would recommend to the cordial co-operation of this Convention the present Diocesan Missionary Association.

J. T. WORTHINGTON,
J. W. CRACRAFT,
ALEX. E. TYNG.

On motion, It was ordered, that, in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Report of the Committee upon so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to Missionary Operations and Church Building, etc., it be referred to the Committee on Revision of Canons, to draft and report such Canon or Canons as will carry into effect the suggestions and objects of the Address.

REPORT THIRD.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the endowment of the Episcopate, beg leave to report as follows :—It is well known that many of the most zealous and influential members of our Church were opposed to the election of an Assistant Bishop, on the ground that the Diocese possessed no adequate means for his support. This objection, however, gave way to the suggestion that he might be abundantly supported as Rector of a Parish in some one of the principal cities of the State. Under this impression, those who had long hesitated as to the propriety of going into an election, cast away their fears, and eagerly embraced the opportunity of obtaining a man so well suited to their views as our present Diocesan. Very soon after the election, however, it became

manifest that no vacancy existed suitable for the occupancy of our Assistant Bishop, while many became fully persuaded that the object sought could never be attained while he should be confined to the duties of a local parish; and this impression was, more than ever, confirmed by the decease of our late venerable Diocesan, which at once devolved the entire duties of the Diocese on his successor. In view of the accumulating duties of the Episcopate, our Bishop wisely, as we believe, abandoned all idea of connecting himself with a parish, and determined to devote himself wholly to the interests of the Diocese. With his labors, and for their results, in the past year, we have abundant cause of satisfaction and devout thanksgiving to God; but we are painfully impressed with the fact, that no provision has yet been made for the temporal maintenance of him whose life is so wholly devoted to our service; nor can we feel that our engagements are fully sustained until ample provisions be made for his support.

In view of this painful delinquency on the part of the Diocese, your Committee cannot refrain from urging the vast importance of some effective measures being taken at once for raising an Episcopate Fund, the interest of which shall place our beloved Bishop in a state of comfort in our midst, that we may have the happiness of realizing that we are immediately under the watchful eye of a faithful and ever-present pastor. For the purpose of securing this very desirable state of things, your Committee would respectfully suggest to the Convention the following plan of operation:—

That the Board of Trustees of the Episcopate Fund, as soon as they may deem provident, engage the services of a competent agent to canvass the entire Diocese, and also to visit the Eastern cities, for the purpose of soliciting contributions to said fund, in such sums, and on such conditions, as may be found most consistent with the views of those to whom application shall be made. Your Committee have reason to believe with their Bishop that much might be accomplished, particularly among Eastern capitalists, by negotiating loans on the principle of Life Insurance. Suppose twenty men be found willing to spare each one thousand dollars from his business, during his life, with a certain prospect of its being returned to his estate, after his death, with a fair interest. Let each thousand be secured by a policy on the life of the donor, say for *two* thousand dollars, which, it is fair to infer, would be, on an average, quite equal to six per cent. on the money. This money, it is believed, could be invested, in the West, at ten per cent., which would make every thousand dollars to yield one hundred dollars per annum. Of this not more than fifty, on an average, would be necessary to pay the premiums on life policies, which would leave fifty dollars per annum from each thousand, for the use of the fund. On the supposition of twenty such loans, the fund would have a net income of one thousand dollars, to be applied to its own purposes. Forty such loans would secure two thousand dollars, which would go far to meet the liabilities of the Church to its Bishop. This mode of operation has been presented to the consideration of some of the ablest actuaries of the United States, and has met with their unqualified approval. Still more promising, however, in the opinion of your

Committee, is the plan of seeking men who shall be able and disposed to enter into written engagements to pay into the Episcopate Fund the sum of five or ten dollars per annum, say for ten years. It is believed that two hundred persons may be found within the Diocese, who would engage to pay ten dollars a-year, for ten years, which, at the end of ten years, would give a fund of \$20,000. Encouragement has been given to believe that a like sum might be obtained in the Eastern cities, which would give, at the end of ten years, a fund of \$40,000. This, it is true, would yield but little at first. The first year would bring in \$4,000, which, at ten per cent., would give, for the support of the Episcopate, but \$400. But the second year, it would yield \$800 interest, the third \$1,200, the fourth \$1,600, and the fifth \$2,000.

Your Committee may be too sanguine, but it cannot be persuaded that the Churchmen of Illinois will fail to respond liberally to such a call; and the well-known liberality of our brethren in the older States and cities fully justifies the opinion that our call will not fail to be responded to from that quarter.

Sincerely hoping that the importance of this matter may be taken immediately into consideration, and receive the attention which its importance deserves, your Committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

S. Y. McMASTERS,
A. J. WARNER,
HORACE STARKEY.

Resolved, That it is a matter of great importance that measures be taken at once to secure the permanent endowment of our Episcopate.

Resolved, That an agency be appointed, either by this Convention or by the Trustees of the Episcopate Fund, as this Convention may judge best, for the purpose of soliciting contributions as recommended in the foregoing Report.

On motion, the first resolution was adopted.

On motion, the second resolution was amended by striking out the words, "either by this Convention," and "as this Convention may judge best;" and after such amendment was adopted, viz. :—

Resolved, That an agency be appointed by the Trustees of the Episcopate Fund for the purpose of soliciting contributions, as recommended in the foregoing Report.

REPORT FOURTH.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the suggestions and plan of a Bishop's Church and Residence, respectfully submit the following Report:—That there can be no doubt of the hearty approval by this Convention of the plan of the Bishop for a

Bishop's Church and residence, as presented in the Address, which plan is there set forth so distinctly, and sustained by reasons so cogent, and issues so beautiful, as to relieve the Committee from the necessity of either the defence or expansion of their own cordial approval and admiration. But it may seem to involve a material incident of difficulty, whether the Diocese will consider it compatible with her interests, under present circumstances, that the Bishop should retain his residence in New-York for a length of time which may involve two, three, or even five years. Your Committee, after due consideration, recommend that this Convention consent to, and cordially approve the plan, suggestions, and desires of the Bishop as set forth in this part of his Address, particularly for the following reasons : *First*—From personal considerations to the Bishop himself—the education of his children—the avoidance of an abrupt removal, and the many sacrifices consequent upon such removal. *Second*—Some obvious advantages accruing to the Diocese from the diffusion of personal influence in obtaining aid and assistance, whether pecuniary or ministerial, where aid is to be had, and making known abroad the wants of the Diocese at home. *Third*—The conducting of the preparatory work of a Bishop's Church and house, obtaining donations, etc. *Fourth*—The real fact that *no provision* is made by this Diocese, for the Bishop's *support or salary*, or *for expenses of his removal*, and the *present inability* of the Diocese to make suitable provision for the same. *Fifth*—That without the sanction of this Convention, under the existing state of things, the Bishop must abandon all the desirable objects set forth in his suggestions, and confine himself to the ordinary duties of the Episcopate, which duties can, in the opinion of your Committee, be as well and faithfully executed and performed while the Bishop retains his residence in New-York, as if he take up his residence now within the Diocese, and in addition thereto, the Diocese will obtain, and hereafter enjoy, the benefits and advantages of the Bishop's influence in obtaining the necessary aid to the accomplishment of his noble and benevolent purposes and aims for our future growth and permanent prosperity, and which influence will be increasing both at home and abroad ; and as, by such delay, the Bishop will, we are sanguine in believing, be able to take up his residence amongst us with a Church in which to discharge the duties of his pastoral office in their purity, and for the permanent use of his successors.

In consideration of the premises, your Committee respectfully submit the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption :

WM. A. SMALLWOOD,
E. B. KELLOGG,
SAMUEL CHASE,
HENRY S. AUSTIN,
WILLIAM BACON.

Resolved, That this Convention cordially approve of the outlines of a religious establishment as set forth in the Bishop's Address, embracing a

Bishop's Church and residence, and regard it as peculiarly adaptive to the permanent interests of the Diocese and the Church at large.

Resolved, That in the effort to accomplish this object, so essential to the best interests of the Church, so conducive to the efficiency of the Episcopal Office—the comfort and dignity not merely of its present incumbent, but his successors, our Bishop possesses the cordial sympathy and hearty confidence of this Diocese.

Resolved, That the longer delay of the Bishop in removing his habitation within the bounds of his jurisdiction, necessary to the continued effort for accomplishing his benevolent purposes, is approved and sanctioned by this Convention.

The Report of the Committee upon the Bishop's Church and Residence being the order of business, was called-up.

A motion to lay the whole subject matter on the table was made, but was lost.

On motion, The first resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion, The second resolution was unanimously adopted.

During the debate upon the adoption of the third resolution, the following was offered as an amendment to the same; and after consultation, adopted by the Committee in lieu of that reported by them, viz. :

Resolved, That the removal of our Bishop within the Diocese at as early a day as may be consistent with his convenience, and the execution of his plans is sincerely desired by this Convention.

Whereupon the original resolution of the Committee was offered as a substitute, and then on motion adopted as follows, viz. :

Resolved, That the longer delay of the Bishop in removing his habitation within the bounds of his jurisdiction, necessary to the continued effort for accomplishing his benevolent purposes, is approved and sanctioned by this Convention.















Notice.

The next Annual Convention of the P. E. Church in the Diocese of Illinois, will be held in Trinity Church, Chicago, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1854.

SAMUEL CHASE,

Sec. of Convention.

Terms of Jubilee College.

One hundred and twenty-five dollars, paid invariably in advance. This sum, in ordinary cases will cover all expenses for the academical term of forty weeks, *viz.*:

Board, tuition, room rent, fuel, use of library,	\$100 00
Books, stationery, lights and washing, (estimated),	25 00

The sum of \$125 00 is supposed to meet only the expenses enumerated. For any other than the above an advance must be made. Bed, bedding and towels, as well as furniture of the room, except stove, bed-sted, and table, to be furnished by the student.

All pocket money allowed the students must be deposited with the principal teacher, and drawn out only at his discretion. No student will be allowed to make a bill at the College store except by advice of parents or guardians and then only by an order for each and every article.

The incidental expenses of books, washing, etc., depend much upon the character and habits of the scholar, as well as the studies pursued. All articles of clothing, including woolen garments must be marked with the owner's name in full.

The academical year commences on the first Wednesday in October, and continues forty weeks.

What distinguishes Jubilee College from all others is its seclusion from temptations to vice and immorality, inseparable from Institutions in or near towns and villages. This feature alone is now drawing the attention of many.

Commencement of Jubilee College, July 4th, 1853.

Morning Prayer.

MUSIC.

(Voluntary upon the Organ.)

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE—On the part of the Alpha Sigma Society.
By William Benedict Francis.

MUSIC.

ORATION—Intellectual and Religious culture necessary to our National prosperity and perpetuity. By David Walker Dresser, A. B.
MUSIC.

ORATION—Position of the Young Men of America, with respect to the age. By William Willis De Wolfe.

MUSIC.

ORATION—The Student's Life. By Edwin Post Gibson.

RESOLUTIONS—On the part of the Gamma Sigma Society.

By Thomas Withers Dresser.

MUSIC.

Degrees Conferred.

BENEDICTION.







